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## Friendly's Classic Volunteer Has Dream Come True At Pro-Am Event

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

So many times in this country when you retire from your job, it's a gold watch, a thank-you, and a slap on the back. So many people do the things on their job that are above and beyond the call of duty. Sometimes they are rewarded, though they may not want the notoriety.

Such a thing happened recently to Agawam's Adrienne Frasco. She works for Kidder Inc. on Main Street. She has been there for years. She came in as a telephone receptionist and rose to payroll administrator in a company that has been around for almost 100 years. She smiled, "I never went to college. But I know how to work, and I got an education on this job."

She did, and it caught the eye of many people. One of the company's owners, Tom Trant, had this to say about her: "Adrienne has done everything good for us. She is the consummate employee and has been for so long. We don't like to single out anyone because we have so many outstanding people working for us. But in this case, we felt it was very important."

Adrienne is retiring this year. She is only 62, but when the time comes, it comes. "I started with this company back in 1962," she said. This is why

this story is important.

### An Avid Golfer

"She is an avid golfer, so when we thought about a gift for her, we thought golf," Trant said. You see, Adrienne is a four-year volunteer at the current Friendly's Classic at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. The company got her into the Pro-Am this past Monday. It's a big bucks deal with a waiting list. "We worked on this for a long time," Trant said. Adrienne, who is a member of the Agawam Country Club with a handicap of 20, was speechless - almost. "I couldn't believe it. It was a total surprise."

"It was what we could do for her," Trant said. He and another co-owner, John Rico, were there on Monday to watch her play. They saw Adrienne putt better than everyone she played with, including the pro (Nancy Taylor) on the 18th hole. Adrienne doesn't hit long, but she keeps the ball in play. She showed well on the 14th hole during the Pro-Am. "I hit it on the green on that par three. It nailed my putt for a birdie. It was great. Everyone played off of my ball."

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LONG-TIME KIDDER INC. of Agawam employee Adrienne Frasco is an avid golfer, a volunteer at the current Friendly's Classic, and was a company-sponsored participant in the Friendly's Pro-Am event. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

## It's "Berry" Good!!!



SERVING DESSERT AT THE Feeding Hills Congregational Church's June 13th strawberry supper: Debbie Donaldson, Li-Ling Waller, and Chris Mangano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Johnson Thanks Rheault For Cooperation...

## Council Approves Mayor's Proposed \$48.1 Million By A 9-1 Vote

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At Monday night's meeting, nine out of 10 Town Councilors approved the \$48.1 million general operating budget as proposed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

After raising concern over increases in bonding costs, upgrading a clerical position at the Fire Department, and funds for the council to hire consultants, the councilors voted 9-1 in favor of a spending plan reflecting an increase of \$3.5 million over last year and a one-percent property tax increase.

Council Vice-President Robert Magovern was out of town on a wedding trip.

Johnson praised the work of the four council budget subcommittees for their hard work and in-depth questioning during the budget deliberations. Each subcommittee chairman reported a unanimous recommendation for the full council's approval of the budgets under their review.

"I think this is a good budget for the town and I'm pleased the council recognized that with their

overwhelming support," Johnson said. "I especially want to thank Town Council President Donald Rheault for his cooperation in getting us through the budget process as smoothly as we did this year."

Johnson said he share the concerns raised by Councilor Dennis Perry over the \$660,000 increase in interest for bonding costs associated with the \$19.6 million school addition projects and with impact on the town budget, and on the tax rate, from a \$2.5 million jump in bonding costs for the year 2000.

Predicting what the town will have coming into its coffers a year in advance depends on too many variables to make an accurate forecast. But, Johnson outlined several strategies being used in planning for the town's fiscal future.

In addition to timing the school renovations

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<b>Tanqueray</b> Sterling Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$19.99</b>	<b>Smirnoff</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$14.99</b>	 <b>Gilbey Gin</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$10.99</b>	<b>Bacardi</b> Spice Rum (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$15.99</b>	<b>Canadian</b> Mist (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$11.99</b>	<b>Cheri Beri</b> Pucker (Liters) <b>\$4.99</b>
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Rhine, & Burgundy

E & J Reserve Cellars (1.5 Ltr.) - \$4.99



Ballatore Spumante (750 ml.) - \$4.99

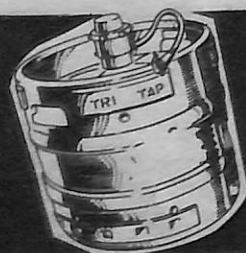
Hidden Cellars Hillside Red (750 ml.) - \$8.49

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## Does Anyone Remember Feeding Hills Town Hall?

by David Cecchi  
Chairman, Agawam Historical Commission  
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National Trust For Historic Preservation

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I remember the estate sale at the old Cleary house; everything was hauled out and sold off under a tent. Being 14 and short of cash, I wasn't really able to participate in the sale. Later, to my sadness, the house and outbuildings were knocked down. Being 14 and curious, I climbed through the rubble and picked out an armload of "treasures" which had not been removed from the house before the bulldozer went to work. Among the miscellaneous papers I rescued was a badly torn and stained poster.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Elected Officials Thanked For Help With House Bill 505

#### To The Editor:

I would like to use your newspaper to thank Representative Daniel Keenan, Senator Linda Melconian, Mayor Johnson, and the Agawam Town Council for their help with House Bill 505 supplemental appropriations.

This legislation will correct the unfunded liability for the Hampden County Retirement System after the state takeover of the county employees.

Without their efforts, Agawam and other communities left in the system would be responsible for this pension liability!

Sincerely,

Richard M. Theroux

Member, Hampden County Retirement Board

### Early Childhood Center's Conference Is A Success

#### To The Editor:

On June 5th and 6th, the Agawam Early Childhood Center sponsored a conference which provided training on the Picture Exchange Communication System.

This is an alternative communication system for children and adults who are unable to communicate verbally.

This conference was held at Chez Josef and was presented by Dr. Andrew Bondy and Dr. Susan Peterson from Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. of Delaware. One hundred-and-forty

(140) parents and professionals from the Northeast attended this two-day training.

We would like to thank the following people for helping to make this conference so successful:

Bernadine Fortunato, Dr. Frank Ameruoso, John Burns, Berkshire Power, Michael Colello from Chez Josef, and the staff at the Early Childhood Center and the Special Services Office. Without this support, the conference would not have been the total success that it was.

Thank you all for your time, efforts, and consideration in this project.

Debbie Rowe & Teresa Urbinati  
Co-Organizers

### Feeding Hills Third Grader Wants Dunkin' Donuts To Stay

#### To The Editor:

To The Town Councilors  
and Whoever This May Concern:

Feeding Hills is a small country town and we need to save the historic buildings in it. We should save the Charles Wright House because it is a part of this town's heritage.

It doesn't matter if it is a Dunkin' Donuts now. The important thing is this building was built in 1863 and was the first post office for Feeding Hills and it is still standing today.

Another reason to save this building is the beauty of the center of Feeding Hills. Our town looks much better with this building, even if it is a Dunkin' Donuts.

Why do we need bigger and better stores and shops in Feeding Hills and Agawam? We have been doing fine without them. If the developer really wants to make improvements, why not build a plaza on South Westfield St. in the empty lot by the light. He could also give the plaza behind the Crossroads building better improvements.

Please, DO NOT TEAR IT DOWN!

From,

Lisa Lemire

Third Grade, Granger School

### Best Wishes To Retiring Teacher Janet Wysocki

#### To The Editor:

Mrs. Janet Wysocki will be retiring after more than 35 years of service teaching the children of

Agawam.

I sat in Room 20 at Phelps School 30 years ago as my daughter, Meaghan, does now. I am so grateful that she had the chance to experience third grade as I did, with such a kind and wonderful person as Janet Wysocki.

Janet continues to teach with the same grace and wisdom that she did years ago.

I am sure she will be greatly missed by many former students and colleagues.

We wish her the very best of luck in her retirement.

Thank you, Janet, for all that you do.

Sheila (Grenier) Serra  
Agawam

#### "CLASSIC" - from Page 1...

Did the pro instruct the players? "Not really," Adrienne said. "If you asked, she would give pointers. Mostly, she (Nancy Taylor) was just having a good time." Then Adrienne added, "She signed my card and put on it something I will always look at and remember. (It said this: 'My best advice to you is always keep swinging.')

Adrienne's husband, Tom, caddied for her. He's a pretty good golfer in his own right. "That's why I took up the game at age 42. I didn't want to be a golf widow. I started at St. Anne's (just down the road) and have never looked back," she smiled.

As we said, Adrienne is a volunteer at the Friendly's Classic. She has had high-pressure jobs there. "The first two years there, I was a walking scorer. That meant I had to keep all the golfers' personal stats - how they hit the ball, where they ended up, how they reached the green, and how many bad and good shots they made, because it all went into the LPGA record book."

Last year, she was at scoring control. This year, she'll be at the 18th hole scoring tent. "It's a place where the pros come in after their rounds. I've never done that before, so I'm looking forward to it," she told us.

Adrienne has seen a lot of pros at Crestview. Her favorite is Chris Tschetter. "I got to be a walking scorer with her. She is so classy and so positive. It was a great experience."

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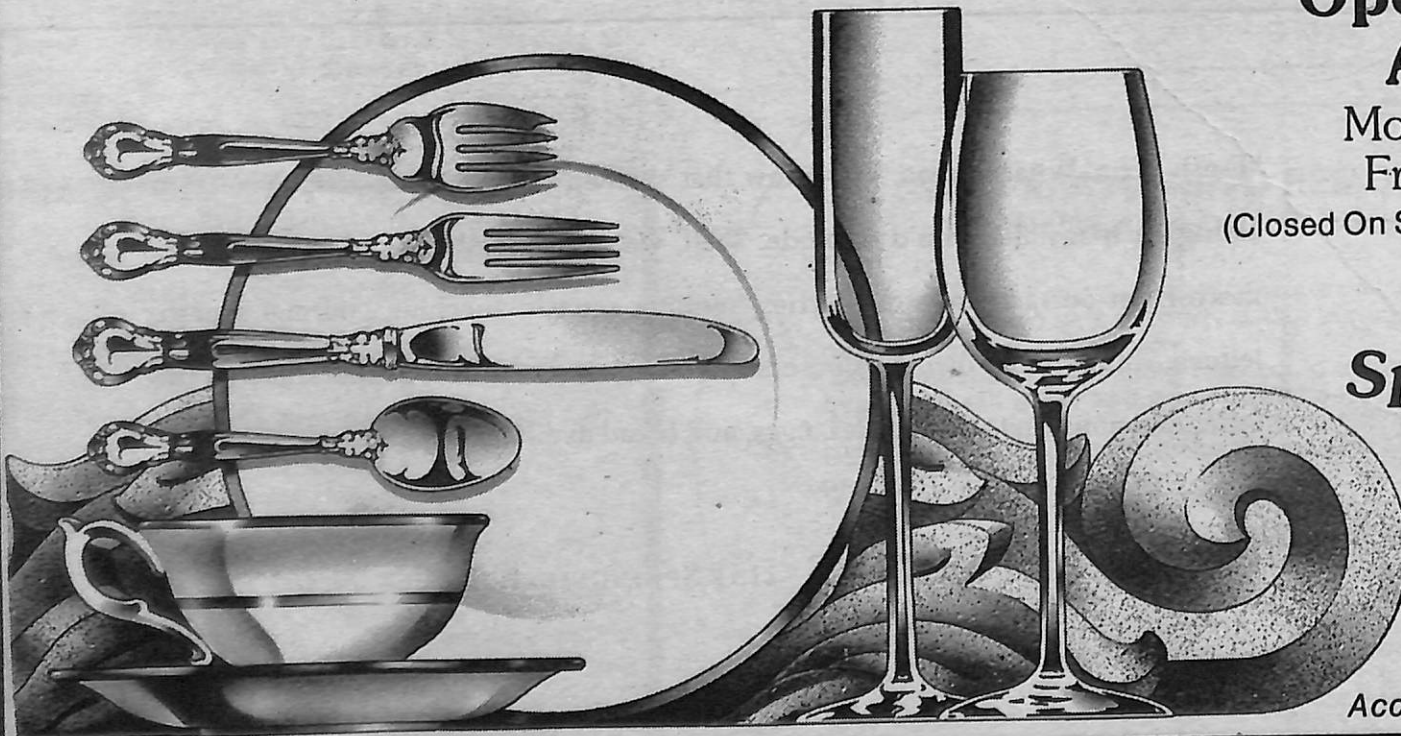
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# Council Targets Adult Business & Expands Perry Lane Park

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The town's flagship park will be expanded by adding nearly half its acreage and adult entertainment businesses will face restrictions in the wake of unanimous Town Council votes at Monday night's meeting.

Before giving its stamp of approval on the first reading of an ordinance to regulate adult entertainment businesses, the council agreed to four amendments recommended by the Planning Board.

According to Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos, the intent of the town is not to suppress constitutionally protected free speech, but to enact a content-neutral ordinance which addresses the adverse secondary effects of adult businesses, specifically, impacts on children, increased crime against women and children, increased police activity, health issues including sexually transmitted diseases, the introduction of organized crime into the community, and impacts on adjacent residential areas of town.

Sponsored by Councilors Jill Simpson and Nancy Thompson, the ordinance requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for adult entertainment uses in addition to limiting where those businesses can locate.

As amended, the ordinance aims at preventing adult businesses from locating within 1,000 feet of a church, a school, a playground, a youth center, or any district designated for residential use.

The ordinance will become law after two more votes by the full council, but before the second and third readings take place, the measure is expected to be reviewed by the zoning review subcommittee and the ordinance subcommittee. The council has until August 21st to take action on the ordinance.

Ms. Thompson urged passage of the first reading, even if some provisions of the ordinance may be amended after review by the council subcommittees.

"Agawam does not have an ordinance addressing adult businesses and as long as we have nothing on the books, an adult business could locate anywhere in a business zone," Ms. Thompson said. "Because we are now in the process of adopting this ordinance, an adult business cannot locate here except under the provisions of the new ordinance."

In continuing the work begun while chairing the zoning subcommittee two years ago, Mrs. Simpson said, "This is a timely ordinance that will protect the town and give us some say in where these businesses can locate."

However, Councilor Gina Letellier, current zoning review chairman, raised a concern over the town enacting a zoning ordinance while the initiative to redesign the zoning code is underway.

Ms. Letellier said she believes the town will be

better served by creating an overlay zoning district for adult businesses, similar to the overlay districts designating where cell phone towers can locate.

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In other business, Councilor Gary Geiger ended the council's discussion on Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's proposal to purchase 14-plus acres adjacent to Perry Lane Park by commenting, "This is a no-brainer. We need the property and we're getting it for half the appraised purchase price."

Appraised at a value of \$80,000 in 1995, the 14.335 acres of open meadows and pristine woodlands owned by Robert W. & Ann T. Hall (adjacent to Perry Lane Park) were offered to the town for the bargain price of \$40,000, with the remaining value of the land to be considered a charitable contribution.

"This is a beautiful piece of property," Johnson said. "We're already using it since all the trails running through Perry Lane Park extend onto the Hall property and it's the only way we can add to the parking at the park."

It may also be part of the solution to restore the town's eligibility for the state's Urban Self-Help grant program. The town has been ineligible since building the Early Childhood Center (ECC) on land that was purchased through a grant from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services which restricts the use of parkland to recreational uses.

"I have received a letter from the state reminding us that we have to fix our grant status and I intend to correct the problem," Johnson said. "It will have to be a value for value swap using property of equal value to the land the ECC is sitting on."

Johnson said a portion of the Hall property could be used to satisfy the town's obligation to replace the parkland, but the town is also hoping to acquire a piece of land owned by Western Massachusetts Electric Company to be used for that purpose.

In documents sent to the council explaining the key importance of acquiring the Hall property, Johnson highlights the following reasons:

- Protecting an extremely valuable wetlands area from potential development.
- Enabling the town to create a system of nature/outdoor education trails throughout the parcel and the adjoining Perry Lane Park.
- Providing suitable land to improve and expand the undersized parking area at Perry Lane Park.
- Protecting Perry Lane Park from the potential impact of residential development.
- Assisting the town to reconcile the conflict with the state Urban Self-Help grant program caused by the continued use of a portion of parkland for the Early Childhood Center.

## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
Awareness Is The Key  
To Fire Prevention

Fire is a powerful and destructive force that most of us don't understand, but think we can survive. Home fires have become the second leading cause of accidental death, but there is a lot you can do to prevent and survive a fire in your home.

The key to fire prevention is awareness — by knowing how home fires start, and what you can do to eliminate them. The lead cause of death from home fires is carelessness while smoking.

If you are drowsy, taking strong medication, or consuming alcohol, postpone that cigarette until you're more alert. Use large metal or glass ashtrays, and make sure all smoking materials are extinguished before disposing of them.

Heating is the number one cause of home fires and second in fire deaths. Before the heating season starts, have your furnace checked by a professional to insure that it is operating safely. Make sure air filters are changed regularly and that combustible materials aren't stored in the furnace area.

If you use a solid fuel appliance, such as wood or coal, also have it inspected by a professional, and include cleaning and inspection of the chimney. Other portable heaters, like kerosene or electric space heaters, need care as well. Follow the manufacturers' recommendations for cleaning and operation.

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Another important area is the kitchen. Cooking is the third largest cause of fire deaths in the home, and is probably one of the least reported fires. To keep cooking from being a hazard is to keep on eye on it.

Many fires start when cooking is unattended while you're on the phone, watching television, or visiting with a friend. If you're cooking, stay in the kitchen; if you're called away, turn off all burners.

If you do have a fire in a pan on the stove, put a lid on it, turn off the heat, and let the pot cool. If the fire is in the oven or broiler, close the door and turn off the heat.

Wait a few minutes before opening the door to make sure the fire is out. Also keep an ABC/multi-purpose extinguisher handy and learn how to use it.

Another major cause of home fires is defective appliances and overloaded circuits. When purchasing appliances, look for the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label. Periodically check power cords for fraying, and replace if damaged.

If you use extension cords, make sure they are not run under carpets or over nails. Remember, extension cords should only be used temporarily.

If you have problems with fuses or circuit breakers, it could be a sign that you have wiring problems. Have them checked by a qualified electrician.

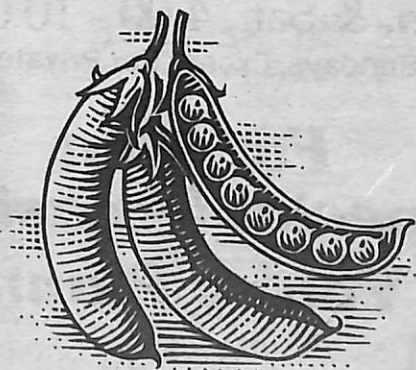
Protect your home from fire by becoming aware of the high-hazard areas. The Agawam Fire Department has more information on home fire safety. Contact them today at 786-2662.

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## Spring Is A Busy Season For Local Democrats...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Officers of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee - Michael E. Tucker (Vice-Chairman), Jack Rioni (Treasurer), Gina-Marie Letellier (Chairwoman), Scott Letendre (Affirmative Action and Outreach), and Louis Russo (Secretary). Missing from photo - Meanette Vermes (At-Large). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam delegates Lisa Touchette and Rudy Altobelli with Jean Harshbarger (center), wife of gubernatorial candidate Scott Harshbarger, at the recent Democratic convention in Worcester. Left photo by Jack Devine.

### Volunteers Needed For Jimmy Fund Theatre Collections

Put your love of movies and your heart for charity to good use this summer by volunteering to be a Jimmy Fund collector at your local cinema.

Between June 19th and July 19th, Showcase Cinemas will be running the Jimmy Fund Theatre Collection Drive. Volunteers will collect money from moviegoers, then they will be entitled to a free movie pass. Students and seniors are encouraged to volunteer.

All money collected goes to fund cancer care and research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For details, call (860) 741-4575.

### State Rep. Keenan Announces Funding For First-Time Homebuyers In Agawam

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that \$80,000 has been awarded to the Hampden Hampshire Housing Partnership (HAP) to assist first-time homebuyers through the Soft Second Loan Program.

The available funds will help first-time homebuyers in Agawam obtain low-cost mortgages.

"This will help families fulfill their dream of owning a home," stated Keenan.

The Soft Second Loan Program was established by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Massachusetts Housing Part-

nership Fund, and the Massachusetts Bankers' Association in cooperation with private lenders, Fannie Mae, and a coalition of community groups. To date, over 3,100 first-time homebuyers have been helped by the program.

Overall, 31 communities throughout Hampden and Hampshire counties belong to the HAP program. Prospective first-time homebuyers should contact the MHP Fund at 617-388-7868, the Department of Housing and Community Development at 617-727-7824, or the Agawam Town Hall at 786-0400.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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##### TOWN OF AGAWAM AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

The Town of Agawam is accepting applications for the position of Auxiliary Police Officer. Qualified candidates will be required to successfully complete the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center Reserve/Intermittent Academy as well as specific training with the Agawam Police Department.

Candidates are subject to a background investigation, medical and physical fitness standards regulations for municipal public safety personnel.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and application form to: Personnel Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 no later than July 3, 1998.

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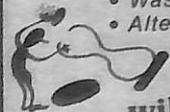
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# School Comm. To Receive Citations For Supporting Arts In The Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

There is nothing unusual about School Committee members offering their congratulations to the student artists, musicians, singers, and writers whose works fill the trophy cases at the Junior High and at Agawam High School with regional and statewide awards. Now it's their turn to take a bow.

At next Tuesday's meeting, the seven-member School Committee will receive citations from the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education, honoring them as "School Committee of the Year" for their support of the visual and performing arts in Agawam Public Schools.

At a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Statehouse, School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson, Committeewoman Teresa Kozloski, School Superintendent Frank Ameruso, Music Coordinator Tamara Watson, and Art Coordinator Frances Messina accepted the awards on behalf of the School Department last week.

The idea of nominating the School Committee for the award grew out of a chance meeting between Miss Watson and an Alliance board member.

"When I started looking over the paperwork, I realized we met all the criteria," Miss Watson said. "Over the last four years, art and music teachers have been working to put together a common curriculum integrating art, music, theater, dance, and creative writing."

"Through our coordinated efforts, we were able to create the Visual and Performing Arts Department, and we came to realize that we are already aligned with the curriculum frameworks of Ed Reform and we're already meeting the eight learning standards of the frameworks," said Miss Watson.

Johnson said he believes the School Committee won the prestigious award because of its strong track record in supporting arts education as reflected in the diversity of the programs offered and the level of student participation.

"In my opinion, the arts are as important as academics because that is what excites many of our students about coming to school. I don't think it was surprising that our 1998 class salutatorian (at AHS) credited her involvement in band with her success in school," Johnson said. "Even during the fiscal crisis of the early 1990's or even when Proposition 2½ hit 15 years ago, our School Com-

mittee never seriously considered cutting the arts in Agawam."

Overall the School Committee sets aside about five percent of the school budget to fund the visual and performing arts programs that are mandated for students in grades K-8 and are elective courses for High School students.

"While every department could always use more money, I believe our budget is adequate and, at five percent of the total school budget, it's much higher than in surrounding communities," Miss Watson said. "We have an average of 45 percent of our Middle School, Junior High, and High School students enrolled in a performing group, compared to a state average of 12 percent. As an arts educator, that tells me art and music are courses the kids want to take, enjoy taking, and think are an important part of their education. We already have 380 kids signed up for pottery at the High School next year."

## The Key Factor - Community Support

An eight-year veteran of the School Committee, Mrs. Kozloski says the key factor behind the committee's commitment to arts programming has been the support of the community. Even when Proposition 2½ forced the schools to make tough financial decisions, Agawam never gave up on the arts, she noted.

"I was proud to be from Agawam and to be part of an awards ceremony featuring Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart as the keynote speaker," Mrs. Kozloski said.

In meeting the eight learning standards of the curriculum frameworks, the arts educators have been making more interdisciplinary connections within the arts by involving theater, chorus, and the electronic music production class in shows like the Broadway Review that traditionally were put on by the AHS Band, Show Choir, and choreography students, Miss Watson said.

"All school districts in the state will be required to comply with the standards set down in *Goals 2000* by the year 2000," Miss Watson said. "Because of the financial support of the School Committee, we're already there."

As winners of the state award, the School Committee is automatically nominated for the national Kennedy Center Awards. The "National School Committee of the Year" award for arts education will be chosen by the National Association of School Committees at its April 1999 convention.

## — Obituaries —

### Lola L. Richter

Lola L. (Skobowski) Richter, 69, of 217 Mill Street, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born and schooled in Springfield, she lived in Agawam from 1964, and was a founding member of St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church in Springfield.

Her husband, George D. Richter, died in 1990.

She leaves four sons, David W. of Northfield, Steven G. of Southwick, Robert C. of Indian Orchard, and Ronald J. of Easthampton; two daughters, Sandra A. Hutchins of Easthampton, and Carol D. Richter of Agawam; a sister, Sandra Amato of Easthampton; eight grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held in the church, with the burial in the parish cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Association for the Retarded, 1 Carando Drive, Springfield, MA 01104, or the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Albia V. Boissonault

Albia V. (Gagne) Boissonault, 85, formerly of Springfield, died at a local nursing home.

She was a housekeeper at the Holiday Inn for many years.

She was born in Weedon, Quebec, and lived in Agawam most of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her husband, Laval W. Boissonault, died in 1976.

She leaves a son, Roland of Montgomery; two daughters, Irene M. Scarfo and Joyce C. Cavallon of Westfield; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, and the burial was at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Foundation, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

### Andrew J. Giordano

Andrew J. Giordano, 86, of 739 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, a lifelong resident, died in a local nursing home.

He worked for Hathaway and Steane Tobacco Co. for more than 40 years. He retired in 1973.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

His wife, the former Mary L. Stocker, died in 1982.

He leaves a son, Richard A. of Rosemount, Minnesota; a daughter, Margery E. Bourdeau, and a brother, Fred, both of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church. Burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery.

### Sylvio F. Fulvi

Sylvio F. Fulvi, 74, of Palm Gardens, Ocala, Florida, died at home.

He was a retired machinist for Package Machinery for 48 years.

He was born in Springfield, MA, and lived in Agawam before moving to Ocala.

He leaves his wife, Lena A. Fulvi; two sons, Richard J. and Ronald F., both of West Springfield; a stepson, Gary L. Chartier, and a brother, Edward Fulvi, both of Springfield; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Good Shepherd Mausoleum Chapel at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens.

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To receive an application or to find out more about this program, interested elders are encouraged to call the Senior Pharmacy Program toll free at 1-800-953-3305.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will reconvene a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1998 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of

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## OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

## Jeanne M. Gosselin

Jeanne M. (Desrosiers) Conlin Gosselin, 89, of 17 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, died in Agawam.

She was a retired school bus driver, and drove for the former DePalma Bus Co. for 18 years.

Born in Northampton, she was schooled in Springfield, and had lived in Agawam from 1957.

She was a former Golden Ager.

She leaves two sons, Thomas J. Conlin and Daniel A. Conlin; two daughters, Alice Olson and Mary Roy of Feeding Hills; a brother, George; two sisters, Laurette Maynard and Alice O'Hara of Agawam; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Thomas L. Conlin, in 1974, and her second, Clifford G. Gosselin, in 1993.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. The burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Eye Research Program, in care of the Lions Club, Box 52, Agawam, MA 01001.

## Enes C. Andreoli

Enes C. (Alissi) Andreoli, 75, of 80 Broz Terrace, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked for Rainbow Girl Coats of Springfield for 21 years, and retired in 1979.

Born in Springfield, she moved to Agawam in 1955, and was a graduate of Technical High School in 1940.

She was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church, and a member of the Caspano Club in Westfield and the Association of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louis, in 1975.

She leaves two sons, Louis V. Jr. of Walpole, New Hampshire, and Donald G. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Adelaide Moles; a brother, Geno of Springfield; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

## Marguerite E. Jewett

Marguerite E. (White) Jewett, 72, of 310 Stafford Street, Springfield, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Agawam, she was a long-time Springfield resident, and lived for a time in New Port Richey, Florida.

She was a meat cutter for Stop n' Shop Supermarkets.

She was a graduate of Agawam High School, a communicant of St. Mary's Church in East Springfield, and a chorister at St. Paul's Church.

She was a real estate agent, and a former member of the Florida Realtors Association and the Springfield Board of Realtors.

She also was in the Hampden County Mothers of Twins Club.

She leaves three sons, Michael of New Port Richey, David of Springfield, and Patrick of Feeding Hills; four daughters, Lynne Holden of Spencer, Carin Impionbato of Burbank, California, Mary Fierce of Springfield, and Marguerite Czupryna of Chicopee; two brothers, Randall of Agawam, and Richard Fulton of California; a sister, Deborah Kreder of Windsor, Connecticut; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at St. Mary's Church in East Springfield, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. Byron's City Burial & Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

## Nicholas J. Donatini

Nicholas J. Donatini, 84, of 532 North Street, Feeding Hills, died in Feeding Hills.

He was owner and operator of the former Donatini Bros. Service Station on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, for 50 years, and the owner and operator of the former Donatini Construction Co. for 30 years.

Born and raised in Springfield's South End, he lived in West Side before moving to Feeding Hills in 1956.

He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, the former Augusta Tonelli; two sons, William N. of Westfield, and Daniel L. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Dorine D. Kubik of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Mary Thomas of West Springfield, and Ines Cloutier of Waterford, Connecticut; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

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On June 10th, at the request of the Beautification Committee and the Agawam Chamber, Mayor Johnson and Council President Rheault presented to Alan Blair, President of WestMass Development, a special citation on behalf of the 36 tenants of Agawam's Industrial Park.

The Agawam Beautification Committee and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce are continuing the program successfully begun last year of saluting those businesses making significant improvements to their property.

However, as John Zebryk of the Beautification Committee points out, this is the first time an entire group of businesses in a broad industrial park area is being so recognized. Rick Bellico, the Chamber's representative on the Beautification Committee, said, "I and my associates, in our professional lives, have the opportunity of visiting almost every industrial park in the entire region and none is more deserving of such recognition as is Agawam's."

In accepting the citation, Mr. Blair said that it's nice to know the town recognizes and appreciates the time, effort, and resources the tenants expend on landscaping and maintenance to make a positive impression on their neighbors, their customers, suppliers, and employees.

Councilman George Bitzas announced that all citizens of Agawam should be proud of the fact that this industrial park has attracted the high quality business tenant that it has. "Not only do they contribute to the economic base of our community, they also contribute to the community's aesthetic base."

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ALAN BLAIR (center), President of WestMass Development, receives a special citation from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson as John Zebryk of the Agawam Beautification Committee, Councilor George Bitzas, and Council President Donald Rheault look on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Veterans' Corner...

## Are You Eligible For A VA Loan?

by Ruth Carr Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent

The following information is taken from the 1998 supplement of "What Every Veteran Should Know" (June 1998 issue) and clarifies the issue of eligibility.

Several groups of military members and veterans are eligible for VA loans. They include not only those who have served on active duty at specific times, but also those who have completed a total of at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard.

Certain rules apply to all these groups. First, anyone wanting to qualify for a VA loan must have a discharge from the service based on conditions other than dishonorable. People qualifying based on Reserve or Guard service must have an honorable discharge.

Second, veteran in each group are exempt from the minimum service requirements if they were discharged because of a service-connected disability.

Here's the VA definition of eligibility:

• War veterans who served at least 90 days on active duty in the officially recognized hostility periods of September 16, 1940 to July 25, 1947; June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; or August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

Within this category, Persian Gulf War-era veterans — defined as those who have served in the Gulf region on or after August 2, 1990, since the conflict does not yet have an end date — must complete two years of active duty. Reservists and National Guard members of this era must have served the full period (at least 90 days) for which they were ordered to active duty.

Veterans who served in the Gulf region during that time and were discharged early for hardship or early-out are eligible if they served at least 90 days.

Individuals also may be eligible if they were released from active duty early because of an involuntary reduction in force, certain medical conditions, or, in some cases, for the convenience of the government.

• Veterans who spent 181 days in uniform from July 26, 1947 to June 26, 1950; or February 1, 1955 to August 4, 1964.

• Members whose enlisted service began before September 8, 1980, or whose service as an officer began before October 17, 1981. They must have served on active duty for at least 181 days, all of them after May 7, 1975.

• Veterans separated between September 8, 1980 and August 1, 1990 (for enlisted members); or between October 17, 1981 and August 1, 1990 (for officers). They must have completed 24 months of active duty or the full period, so long as that was at least 181 days.

Veterans who served during those periods but were discharged early for hardship or early-out are eligible if they served at least 181 days.

Some veterans could still be eligible if they were released from active duty early because of the draw-down, certain medical conditions, or the government's convenience in certain cases.

• Those who have completed at least six years in the Reserves or National Guard — if they serve in the Selected Reserve, have been transferred to another element of the Ready Reserve, were honorably discharged or placed on the retired list. Their eligibility is due to expire October 28, 1999.

• Non-veterans who have been given VA benefits as special exceptions.

These include spouses of military members who are listed for more than 90 days as missing in action or prisoners of war, so long as the service member retains that status and the spouse remains married to that person. This includes surviving spouses of service members who die on active duty or from a service-connected disability, as long as the spouse has not remarried.

Based on our research, the following names of World War II veterans whose last name begins with "C" will be included on the proposed Honor Roll on Veterans' Green, hopefully next year.

The Golf Tournament to raise funds for the

Honor Roll has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 28th: 8:30 a.m., Continental Breakfast and Registration; Scramble Format at 9:30 a.m. Make inquiries at the Veterans' Service office, 786-0400, ext. 236.

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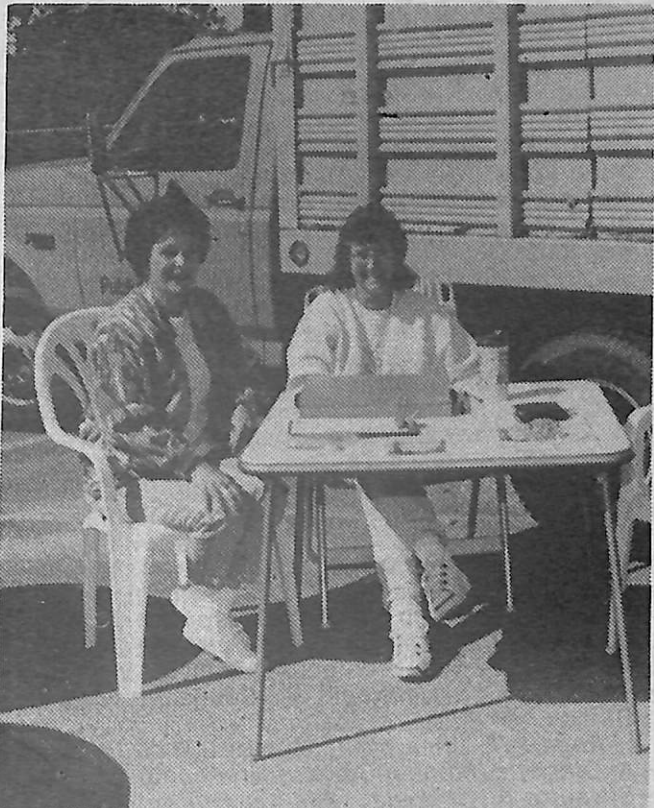
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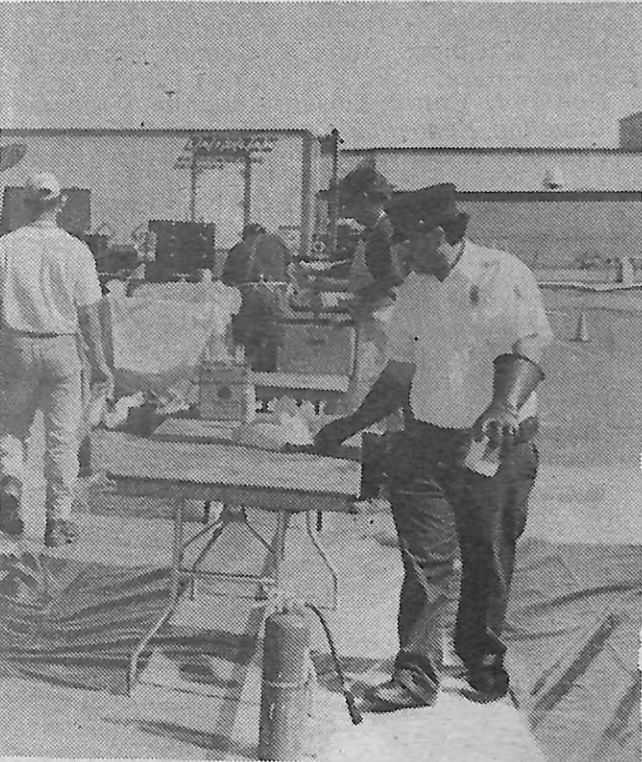
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## “Collecting” Waste



ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, Agawam held its annual “Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.” IN PHOTO ABOVE: June Quinn and Terry Hill were on hand to sell composting bins to town residents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MIKE MERCADANTE, the Agawam Fire Department's Training and Safety Officer, at the “Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.” Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE TOWN OF AGAWAM'S “Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day” was conducted in the parking lot of Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## “Agricultural Day” At The State House...



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN KEENAN (far left), Ron Hall, and Keenan's legislative aide, Amy Hosmer, recently attended Agricultural Day at the State House in Boston. Hall, of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau, met with Rep. Keenan to discuss the latest agriculture initiatives in Massachusetts.

### VETERANS - from Page 11...

J. Cremonti, Donald C. Cross, Edward W. Crouss, George W. Crouss, Herman F. Crouss, Robert W. Crouss, Bartholomew J. Curran, Donald P. Curran,

Lawrence B. Curran.

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## Families

### Happy Birthday To Yvonne, Margaret, & Frances



YVONNE GEOFRAN of Heritage Hall South celebrated her 105th birthday last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARGARET HELEN BAILEY of Heritage Hall East was born 100 years ago on May 27th in New Bedford, MA. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FRANCES FEARN recently celebrated her 85th birthday with her family at Maria's Restaurant. (Frances has four children, 12 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Install Officers On June 22nd

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 of the AARP will hold an Installation Luncheon at Storowton Tavern on June 22nd at 11:30 a.m.

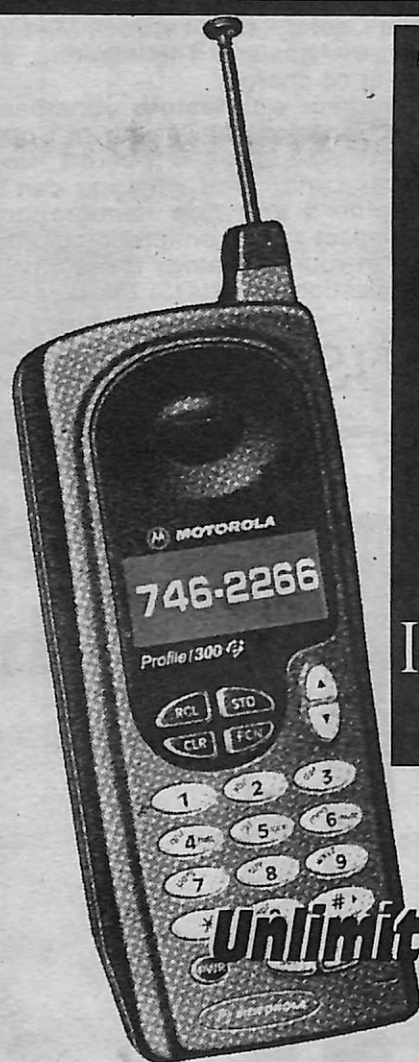
The following officers will be installed: President, Oliver Muldrew; Vice President, Sandra Smith; Recording Secretary, Pat Matte; Corresponding Secretary, Louise Mattoon.

Chapter members are being called, but if anyone was missed, please call Oliver at 786-0075. Guests are welcome.

### Happy 20th Anniversary, Brenda & Bruce 6/17/78



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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 22nd:** Shepherd's pie, carrots and corn, whole wheat bread, watermelon.

**Tuesday, June 23rd:** Beef Burgundy on egg noodles, peas and carrots, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

**Wednesday, June 24th:** Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, rye bread, tapioca pudding.

**Thursday, June 25th:** Veggie soup, turkey with tomato, lettuce, and cheese on a roll, potato puff, applesauce.

**Friday, June 26th:** Seafood salad on a roll, broccoli salad, pasta and egg soup, cookies.

## Lecture On Angels To Take Place At Capt. Leonard House

A lecture on how to work with the angels of protection, healing, wisdom, and love will be given at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25th.

George M. Lagos of West Springfield, a former English teacher who has written articles on angels, will be presenting the lecture. According to Lagos, "Angels are our caretakers. They help to guide, counsel, teach, heal, comfort, warn, and protect us. One thing that there is a much greater need for is angelic protection."

He continued, "Every week in our country, an average of a million crimes are committed, and a quarter of them are crimes of violence, including murder, rape, and child abuse. What's more, around 2,000 people die in accidents every week."

"These appalling numbers could be dramatically reduced if there were more angelic protection. In order to get greater protection, however, we must ask for it. Angels, by divine law, cannot act, cannot do anything for us unless they're asked to (with some exceptions). Since most people do not work with angels, they do far less for us than they could. To get more angelic protection, more people need to pray for it."

Admission to this lecture is \$7 per person. To register, contact Lagos at 538-5655 and leave your name and telephone number on his voice mail.

(Upcoming lectures that he will be presenting will be on spiritual astrology and on reincarnation and karma.)

## This Activity Is Right Up Their "Alley"...



LAST MONTH AT Heritage Hall's East Building, residents took advantage of some sunny weather and enjoyed some recreational "outdoor bowling." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Polish Genealogical Society To Meet At Agawam Senior Ctr.

The Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26th, at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor (off Wright Street), in Agawam. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

This month's program will feature Jonathan Shea of the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut. His topic of discussion will be on "Immigration Passenger Lists," and why you can't find your grandmother's entry on immigration lists, etc. You can expect a most enlightening program to assist you in your genealogy research.

If you have any questions, call (413) 786-4297 or (413) 586-1827.

## Nicole S. LaChance Is Engaged To Wed Thomas J. Kakley

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne LaChance of Agawam are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Susanne, to Thomas John Kakley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kakley of Springfield.

Nicole is a graduate of Cathedral High School, Clarkson University, and received her master's in teaching at AIC. She is currently teaching eighth grade math at Brookings School in Springfield.

Tom graduated from Cathedral, attended Northeastern University, and is presently attending AIC. He is employed by the city of Springfield as a police officer.

They have selected July 31, 1999 as their wedding date.

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ANNELIESE MARGARET MAIR

### Anneliese M. Mair Is Baptized In CT

Anneliese Margaret Mair was recently baptized at St. Mary's Church in Greenwich, Connecticut. She is the daughter of Karen Albano Mair, a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School, and Martin Mair.

The baby's grandparents are Thomas & Margaret Albano of Roberta Circle, Agawam.

Anneliese has a big brother, Alexander (age 2), and lives with her family in Greenwich. She was born on January 28, 1998.



ROSE HAYNES OF AGAWAM, a member of Pioneer Valley Women Post 463 of the Women Marines Association, presented a program on flags during the June 10th meeting of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter I. She is always willing to speak about "Old Glory" and is available to visit classrooms and community organizations.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Police Department will hold a public hearing on June 26, 6:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

purpose of this meeting will be to discuss use of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. By Order of Robert Campbell, Chief of Police  
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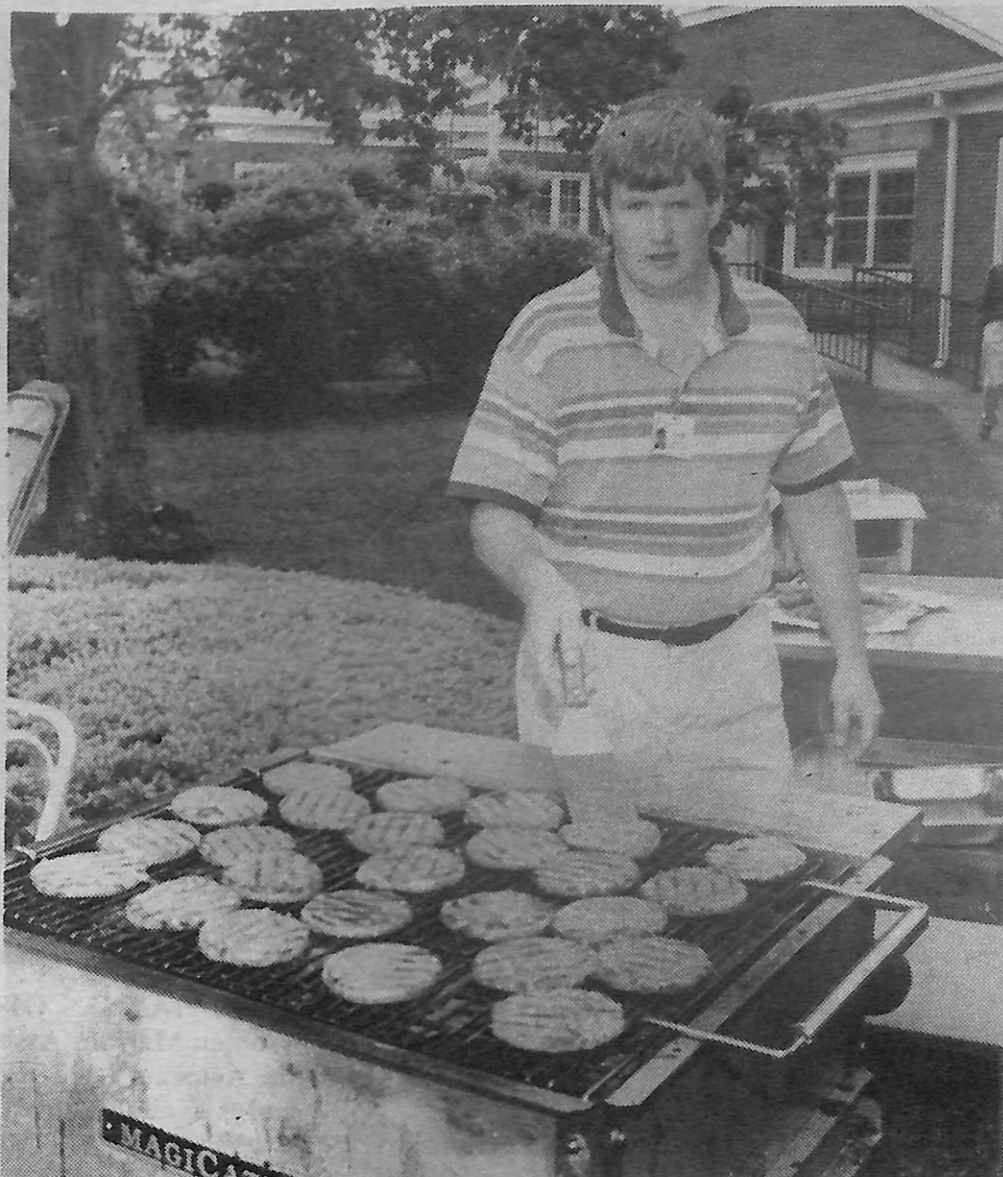


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## "Intergenerational Picnic" At Heritage Hall...



LAST MONTH, residents of Heritage Hall South enjoyed an "Intergenerational Picnic" with students from the Across-The-Ages-Program at Springfield's Chestnut Street School. IN LEFT PHOTO: Residents Morris and Irmgard Seader enjoy the company of their young visitors. IN RIGHT PHOTO: "Chef" John Daly truly "flipped" over his hamburger-cooking duties. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Large Gathering Turns Out For Lillian Anna Colton's 100th Birthday

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer



LILLIAN ANNA COLTON

The 100th birthday of Lillian Anna Colton of Alfred Circle, Agawam was celebrated by more than 100 people at a picnic-style catered party on Sunday, June 14th. The celebration began at noon under a pavilion on the grounds of the Young Men's Club, East Street, Hadley.

Hosting the party were Mrs. Colton's granddaughters, Beth Jean Cook of Hadley, Suzanne Kent of Rindge, New Hampshire, and Bonnie Lee Nugent of Charlemont, Mass.

While the actual birthday of the celebrant was May 23rd, the party was held off until last Sunday. General type invitations were circulated, inviting anyone who knew Mrs. Colton to attend by notifying one of the hostesses.

The celebrant has been living alone on Alfred Street with services provided through local agencies. The daughter of the late Sidney & Anna Cromack, Lillian grew up in Colrain. She married her high school sweetheart, Frederick Sullivan,

and the couple had 10 children, seven of whom are living.

Alert and friendly, Lillian loves company and enjoyed her party thoroughly.

On May 27th, family members, including Mrs. Colson's son, Gayle Sullivan of Franklin, took the celebrant from her Agawam home to stay with the Kents in Rindge, New Hampshire for the time being. When the Kents bought their home in Rindge, they had constructed an addition that includes a sunroom. Mrs. Colson is sharing this space with her daughter, Elaine Helpburn, who is also the mother of Suzanne and Beth.

Both the Kents are registered nurses, as was Mrs. Colson. Family members presented Lillian with an electric reclining chair and report that she has been standing and walking a little.

Anyone who would like to contact Lillian can write to her at the Kents, P.O. Box 210, Rindge, New Hampshire 03461.

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KIMBERLY DUNN

## Kimberly Dunn Is Engaged To Wed Jack Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Dunn, to Jack Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy of Springfield, MA.

The bride-elect is a Registered Nurse in Pediatrics at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

The future groom is employed by Browning-Ferris Industries as a Direct Sales Executive.

A November 7, 1998 wedding is planned.

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MR. &amp; MRS. JASON OLIVER

## Debbie Albano Becomes Bride Of Jason Oliver

On March 21, 1998, Debbie Albano wed Jason Oliver at Mt. Carmel Church in Springfield. A reception followed at The Sheraton.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Assuntina Albano of Feeding Hills and the late Ignazio Albano. The groom is the son of Joseph & Joanne Oliver of Wilmington.

Nancy Gentile and Joanna Williamson, sisters of the bride, served as matrons of honor. Jonathan Oliver served his brother as best man.

Both bride and groom graduated from North Adams State College with a bachelor of arts in sociology. The groom is employed as a correctional officer at Walpole Cedar Junction and the bride is employed by the Malden Visiting Nurse Association in Human Resources.

The couple will reside in Wilmington following a caribbean cruise.



NEIL R. WHITE

## Neil R. White Graduates From Marine Corps Training

Neil R. White, son of Jack and Dale White of Feeding Hills, recently graduated from 12 weeks of Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

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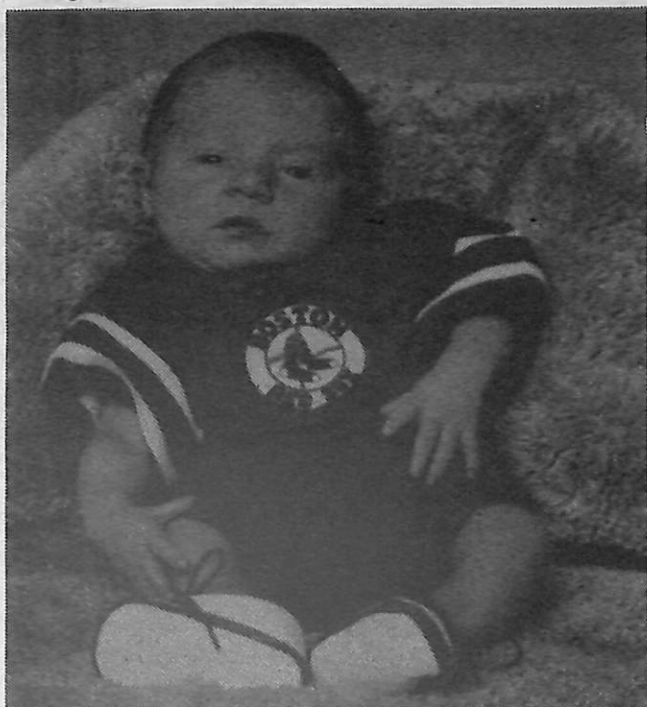
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## The Regnier Family Announces Birth Of Timothy Bernard

Mr. & Mrs. Brian L. Regnier would like to announce the birth of their son, Timothy Bernard, Regnier, "Ty."

Timothy was born on April 24, 1998. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Guistimbelli of Agawam, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Regnier of Ludlow, and Ms. Pamela Bednarski of Enfield, Connecticut. He is also the great-grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Regnier of Ludlow, Ms. Mildred Cimino of Enfield, Connecticut, and Mr. Nicholas Violante of Westfield.

Timothy's father, Brian, a 1991 graduate of Ludlow High School, is employed as the store manager of the Firestone Auto Center on Boston Road.

Timothy's mother, Karin, a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School, is a special needs teacher for the Springfield School System.

## Sue Joseph Of Agawam Begins Cross-Country Bicycle Trek From San Francisco

On Sue Joseph's 27th birthday, the Agawam resident left home and flew to San Francisco. The date was June 1st. Her journey was part mission and part ministry. When Sue arrived on the West Coast, she joined about 30 other "Wheel Power Christian Cyclists" whom, each year, travel across country on nothing more than two wheels, in the name of God.

This is Sue's first attempt at cycling more than five miles on pavement. She indulged a bit in mountainbike riding but not on the road. In fact, her first attempt at anything long-distance was competing in her first running marathon last October in Detroit, where she surprised herself by finishing after only a month of preparation!

Sue has, however, put over 2,000 miles on her Spinning bike at Fitness First in Feeding Hills! An avid advocate of physical activity, Sue trained for three months at Fitness First before attempting the trek cross-country. Her trainer, Fitness First Spinning Instructor Mike Mason encouraged her to really "go the extra mile" and build up her endurance so that she could withstand the over 4,000-mile ride.

The cross-country ride will take her 2½ months and will end in Virginia on August 21st at Yorktown Beach. Sue and the others plan on cycling between 60-75 miles each day, six days a week, with Sunday as their day of rest and recuperation. A van travels behind them carrying

their sleeping gear, first-aid equipment, food, and necessities. Each day, the cyclists begin riding at 5:30 a.m. and stop for the evening around dusk.

Their route is accurately planned through scenic countryside and ends each day visiting and sleeping in a new church along the way. "It's an experience of a lifetime and I'm glad she had the chance to do it," says Mason.

When Sue left, she didn't know anyone whom she would be living with for the summer. Now, she reports that she has already made some wonderful friendships and met many great people in the towns she's visited.

When Sue arrives at Yorktown Beach, Virginia on August 21st, she and her fellow travelers will have journeyed through California, the Grand Canyon, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia. The toughest part of the ride will be pumping up the 10,000-foot climb through Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado. "That will be a real test of her ability," said Sue's mom, Sheila Joseph. "I admire her stamina and her desire. This takes a lot of determination and courage."

Sue left her job as a cardiac-care nurse at Hartford Hospital to pursue this offbeat ambition. When she returns, she has thoughts of switching jobs and perhaps heading towards the Boston area.

Fitness First wishes Sue much success on this ambition adventure.

## Agawam High's Class Of 1988 To Hold 10-Year Reunion This November

The Agawam High School Class of 1988 will be holding its 10-Year Reunion on Friday evening, November 27th at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Cocktail hour will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you have a change of address, forwarding mailing in-

formation of a member of the class, or wish to participate in organizing the event, please contact Maureen Hersey at (413) 788-9918 or via e-mail at mhersey-a.chicopee.turbocare.com, or Sandy (O'Keefe) Blackak at (413) 789-3814.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

*The deadline for our annual "Graduation Issue" is Monday, June 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation ... AAN!!!*

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### Agawam Summer Entertainment Series

Wednesday night concerts and Saturday night movies on Veteran's Green at 700 Main Street. All music rain or shine and starting at 6:30. Movie rain date August 15. Call 789-7393 for info. **FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**

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#### July 25, Family Movie Night

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#### July 29, New England Jazz Octet

Swing Jazz to get your feet tappin! This group has opened for NRBQ, Wilson Pickett, Roomful of Blues, and J. Giel's Bluestime. Featuring Ted Wirt on alto saxophone.

#### August 1, Movie and a Band Night

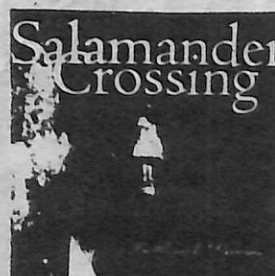


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#### August 8, "Grease" Drive In Movie

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# Church News

## Strawberry Supper At F.H. Congregational...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Jackie Gilmartin, Sue Boisvert, and Bernice Burton are busy preparing the salads at Feeding Hills Congregational Church's June 13th strawberry supper. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Richard Rozanski is almost ready for dessert. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Children's Day Celebrated At First Baptist

At the Children's Day observance last Sunday morning at First Baptist Church, several special awards and presentations were made.

Receiving their first bibles were Aida Barnes, Coribeth Geiger, Alison Woods, and Adam Sharon. Eight camperships were awarded. Recipients were Ashley Bessette, Carmen Oyola, Adam Oyola, Rachel Bailey, Eric McLaughlin, Aleesha Grimaldi, Raquel Rodriguis, and Jennifer Lock.

In addition, three special scholarships were presented to Aleesha Grimaldi, Raquel Rodriguis, and Jennifer Lock. Individual classes made special presentations, illustrating all that they had been studying for the past season. Special music was presented.

At this Sunday's 9:30 a.m. worship service, June 21st, the message of the morning will be "60 Minutes of Sharing." Pastor Richard Barnes will lead the worship, with Lorraine Royer leading in the responsive reading.

During this service, there will be a special opportunity to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Greeters for the morning will include Gwen & Jack Magovern and Nina & Howard Bailey.

A time of food and fellowship will follow the worship service. You are invited to attend any of the services at our church on the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam Center.

Caring connection contacts for the month of June are Lori Baker (786-8140) and Gwen Magovern (786-3542).

On Saturday, June 20th, the annual Ham & Bean with Strawberry Shortcake Supper will be held in Bodurtha Hall. Seatings are at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling 786-8624 or 786-0337 today.

### Valley Community To Say Good-Bye To Pastor Dennehy

A "Thank You Celebration" will be held on Sunday, June 28th as members and friends of Pastor Steve Dennehy join him for his final worship service as pastor of Valley Community Church.

During the past 4½ years, Pastor Steve has touched the lives of many within the church as well as within the community. Through his ministry, the church has seen a rebirth, a renewal of faith, and a dedication of joyfully following the Word of God. And with this restored commitment, the church family is now eagerly anticipating full-time ministry.

We invite anyone whose life has been touched by Pastor Steve to join this special morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. A celebration brunch featuring food, fellowship, pictures, songs, and memories will be held immediately following the service.

### St. David's Vacation Bible School Slated For July 6th-10th

Veggie Tales are coming to St. David's Vacation Bible School this summer! Join us Monday, July 6th to Friday, July 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for an exciting week of Veggie Tales and loads of Christian fun!

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The week-long program will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Cost is only \$5 per child or \$12 max per family.

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## News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Streets in Feeding Hills. Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the third Sunday after Pentacost, are Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, and Luke 8:26-39. Matt Granger will be Lector. The sermon title this week is "Life Is Full of Surprises." Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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There will be another quilting social here on Saturday, June 20th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Even if you've not attended before, you are welcome to join in the fun.

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There will be an informational meeting held immediately following morning worship this Sunday, June 21st. Items to be voted on at the Special Meeting on June 28th will be discussed.

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There will be a Special Meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Church Council on Sunday, June 28th immediately following worship to act upon the following:

1. To consider the feasibility of moving the driveway entrance to the North side of the church. (Tabled at a special meeting on March 29, 1998)
2. Transfer \$2,000 from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Reserve Fund to hire a Christian Education Director.

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Don't forget that the Board of Christian Education will lead a trip to Salem, MA on Saturday, June 27th. This excursion will include a visit to the New England Pirate Museum as well as other points of interest. If you have not signed up yet, but would like to participate, please speak to Chris Chapman or call the church office at 786-5061 as soon as possible.

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## Agawam Methodist Church "Cleans Up"...



**IN APRIL**, members of Agawam United Methodist Church lent a helping hand to a nearby neighbor by cleaning the yard. The parishioners were joined in this endeavor by members of the New Covenant Church, which meets in the United Methodist building. During the clean-up, the various volunteers ate together and prayed together to demonstrate the fellowship and cooperation of the churches. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Anyone interested in attending an all-church retreat at Warner Farm is welcome to do so July 10th-12th. The retreat, led by Rev. Rich Fournier, will include a day-long introduction and invitation to the Christian spiritual life. Our day together will alternate among presentation, discussion, solitude, and fellowship as we explore ways in which we can develop and deepen our relationship with the spirit, in our lives and in the life of the world. Those interested in attending are asked to speak to Diane Fiejdasz (786-3022).

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#### On the calendar:

**Thursday, June 18th:** Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Saturday, June 20th:** 1:00-4:00 p.m., Quilting Social

**Sunday, June 21st:** 9:15 a.m., Worship followed by information meeting

**Tuesday, June 23rd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons

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## Summer 1998

### Topics

- \* Monday, July 13th: **Equipment, Etiquette**
- \* Wednesday, July 15th: **Grip, Body Posture, Initial Takeaway**
- \* Monday, July 20th: **Chipping, Rules**
- \* Wednesday, July 22nd: **Putting, Etiquette, Rules**
- \* Monday, July 27th: **Full Swing**
- \* Wednesday, July 29th: **Chipping And Putting Contest (At Longhi's Driving Range)**

The cost for this year's clinic is **\$6.00** per child.  
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and the use of the clubs.)

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## Church News - continued...

## June 27th Festival At Immaculate Conception Parish

June 27th, the last Saturday of June, is the date set for this year for Immaculate Conception Parish's "Summerriment Under the Trees."

Previous festivals have taken place in August but, in keeping with our continually changing format, we're making plans earlier this summer to allow all our neighbors who vacation in the hottest months to join us while the season is young.

Although there will be no I.C. parade this summer, the 475 Main Street, West Springfield church grounds will take on a festival atmosphere starting at 11:00 a.m. Children's attractions include many games just for them (with prizes), pony rides, and drawings for two bicycles. There will also be the lively music and puppetry of the colorful Strawberry Productions to entertain the entire family.

Adults can purchase chances for a trip to the Bahamas, a patio set, and other beautiful prizes, browse the crafters' tables for something special and handmade, and bid at our auction (with a preview at 12:30), beginning at 1:30. A bidding paddle, your right to bid on antiques and new items, is just \$1. All day long, refreshment booths and our bake table will offer everyone enough scrumptious food for casual meals and snacks. A children's Mass for everyone is scheduled for 4:00.

Please bring your own chairs for the auction, and later take them to stage front for the evening's entertainment, headlined by the "Buddy Holly Band," straight from the Majestic Theatre. Other performers will be announced soon! Games of chance for adults will be available, too.

Some hard-working folks who also need announcing our chairpersons, including Leslie Eickelberg and Donna Paquin, Children's Entertainment and Games; Mark McGurn, Refreshments; Vicki McGurn, Grand Prize Drawing; Rita Hannigan, Crafters (Interested persons may call 739-2966); Marge Baker, Advertisers' Booklet; Helen McDonald and Ken Skowron, Auction; Marie Colbert, Mary Moran, Mary Lewis, and Gert D'Avignon, Baked Goods; Mary Wellman, Mary Ann Ventulett, and Kathy Westbrook, 50/50 Drawing; Betty and Bob Briggs, St. Jude Table; and Wendy Barclay, Publicity.

We extend an invitation to all our neighbors and friends from the Merrick area and beyond to a festival day we'll work hard to make memorable, filled with laughter and music, lots of good food and good fun, and some real surprises.

Let's join Father Michael Twohig and Father John Johnson in petitioning the Weather Chairman for the best forecast possible for Saturday, June 27th and "Summerriment Under The Trees."

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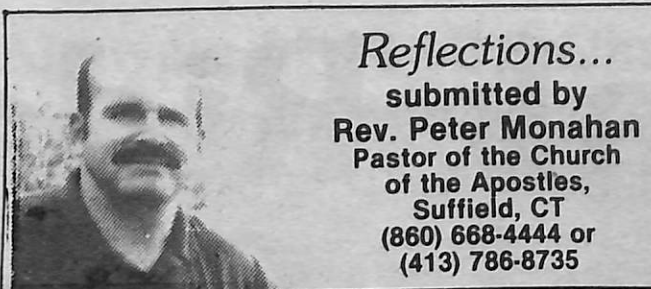
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### Reflections...

submitted by  
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### Life Shouldn't Be A Power Struggle

Some people view life as one great big power struggle. Karl Marx believed humankind's very existence is a conflict between people defined by economic classes. Politicians in Washington seem to think everything they do is a contest for power. For decades, world peace itself was predicted upon the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction, appropriately known as M.A.D. Even households can suffer when power struggles erupt between the genders or the generations.

It probably comes as no surprise that the brewing controversy regarding gender roles was inflamed once again when the Southern Baptist Convention released a statement affirming the Biblical model for the relationship of husbands and wives. **For the husband is head of the wife just as Christ is head of the Church, the body of which He is the Savior.** This passage is perhaps one of the most controversial Scripture in American society today. It might even be one of the single most important reasons why some people, men as well as women, believe Christianity is appropriate only for a bygone era.

As is often the case, the controversy around this Biblical principle may very well be based upon a fundamental misunderstanding of the text. People oftentimes mistakenly think of relationships as though they could be plotted on a corporate organizational chart.

## Valley Community Church Extends Invitation To Attend Worship Service

The doors of Valley Community Church are opened wide as we extend an invitation for all to worship with us on Sunday as we celebrate Father's Day.

This Sunday, Pastor Steve Dennehy will share a message taken from the gospel of Luke 8:26-39. As we hear about Jesus healing the demon-possessed man, we will also come to understand how people today have the power of the Word of God, but do not allow it to work in their own lives.

Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. We welcome all our visitors to join us for Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in Dunn Hall.

The Board of Missions will be preparing supper for the Springfield Loaves and Fishes during the afternoon. All church members who would like to

In this worldview, people are viewed as being either superior or inferior to one another. However, God sees things differently for His people. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Equality between the genders or the classes is not going to be found in a Constitutional Amendment; real equality among people of varying description is actualized when we have clothed ourselves with Christ.

How then, are we to reconcile equality between husbands and wives with the statement that the husband is head of the wife just as Christ is head of the Church?

A dispute arose among them as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so among you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the tone at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Just as Jesus exercised His role as head of the Church by serving the Church, so husbands are to exercise their role as head of their wives by serving their wives. Being the head of the wife does not mean being the final authority in a dispute, as some mistakenly think it does.

If a Christian husband and wife disagree upon a certain course of action, the Bible doesn't say the husband's choice takes precedence. If anything, the Bible indicates the wife's choice should prevail. Then He said to them all, "If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me."

The head of the wife should deny himself. It isn't always easy being the head, but ultimately, it's worth it. "For those who want to save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for My sake will save it."

serve this meal are asked to back at the church at 4:30 p.m.

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The Pastoral Search Committee will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

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Both Junior and Senior Choirs will gather on Wednesday evening. The Junior Choir will begin "making a joyful noise" at 6:15 and the Senior Choir will "break forth into singing" at 7:00 p.m.

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A reminder to all church members as well as to the community: On Sunday, June 28th, a farewell will be held for Pastor Steve as we honor him for his service to our church.

*The deadline for our annual "Graduation Issue" is Monday, June 22nd, at 5:00 p.m.*



*"The father of a righteous man has great joy; He who has a wise son delights in him."*

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## Weekly Calendar Of Events From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 21st, is Father's Day. The Summer Service Schedule continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "More Than A Disciplinarian," taken from Text: Galatians 3:23-29. His Children's Message will be "Give It Your Best."

This is also Senior Recognition Sunday, when graduating seniors will be honored. They are: **Katherine Antaya, Heather Arcangeletti, Christian Ellsworth, Jessica Hansen, Doug Nooney, Andy Pond, Ryan Prøgulske, Jennifer Quigley, and Bradford Tilden.** Agawam Congregational's scholarship recipients will also be honored.

A special dessert (homemade sundaes) will be given to all the men of the church in honor of Father's Day during the Coffee Hour held in Bryan Hall following Worship Service.

The Summer Church School curriculum for all church school ages continues. The program will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is spaghetti sauce.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

There will be a New Member Class held on Thursday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in joining the church. These 45-minute classes will be led by Rev. Fuller.

The classes give information about the organizations, committees, policies, and the United Church of Christ denomination.

The Adult Education Classes will resume on Sunday, June 28th, at 11:00 a.m. following the Worship Service.

All are welcome to attend these classes led by Rev. Fuller.

The Summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for July 27th through July 31st, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend the camp. Older youths can volunteer as helpers to assist the teachers.

The cost of the camp is \$7 per child; for three or more children, the cost is \$20 per family. Registration forms are available in the church office.

We now have eight adult helpers, but we need at least 17 more! Please consider taking time to help us out to make this camp a huge success. Without YOU this cannot happen!

For more information, you may call the church office at 786-7111.

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Take a drive up the hill to Valley Community Church and see the spectacular sights surrounding our area. You will have a "birds-eye" view of the fireworks in Springfield as well as those from nearby towns.

A "cook-out menu" of hot dogs and ham-burgers, coffee and soda, as well as brownies will also be sold for those who want to come early and "get the best spot" on the hill.

So grab your family and neighbors, your lawn chairs and blankets (and don't forget your bug spray!) and plan to enjoy an evening of good fun, ooh's and aah's, and some spectacular fireworks as you sit "high on a hilltop" overlooking the wondrous sights that God has put before you.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield St. For further information about the fireworks, please call Shirley at 786-2576 or Kathy at 789-1376.

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## Family Hour Of Prayer Slated For Sunday, June 21st

The next monthly hour of prayer and song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' monastery chapel on Sunday, June 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of evening prayer, as well as the recitation of the rosary and benediction.

## Ham And Bean Supper Slated At First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street invites you to their family-style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, June 20th.

Featured on the menu will be baked ham, homebaked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea or milk, and strawberry shortcake.

Serving times will be 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7 and \$3 for children under 10.

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# Spotlight On Business

**COMMON SENSE**  
with  
**Raymond Rose**  
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## Cutting Your Debt

Last week we discussed the general rules used to determine if you were carrying too much debt in relation to your personal income ... hopefully, you took the time to calculate out the ratios so that you now have an intelligent understanding as to what percent of your wages goes towards paying your fixed monthly debt.

This week, let's turn our attention towards the steps you should be taking if you happened to find yourself deeper in debt than you had originally thought. As in most of my writing, I've broken down the procedure into simple steps that can easily be accomplished ... I strongly urge you to read the info listed below ... and set your goals.

**RULE 1: DON'T BORROW TO PAY FOR ANYTHING AS PERISHABLE AS A VACATION.** Finance only the kinds of purchases that deliver long-term returns. Try to pay for anything else ... a car, an appliance, furnishings, etc. ... with cash. If you must take out a charge plate, be sure you'll have the cash to pay the bill in full when it arrives. Sure, that may rule out the \$3,000 vacation in Florida, but ask yourself, what stopped you from saving up for the trip?

**RULE 2: LIQUIDATE YOUR COSTLIEST DEBTS FIRST.** Do this by drawing up a table with columns for the names of all your creditors, the balance owed to each, the payments due each month, and the interest rates. You may find that you owe interest at 21 percent on credit cards, 15 percent on a personal loan, 12 percent on a mortgage, 10 percent on a car loan, and nothing on money borrowed from relatives. With no disrespect to relatives,

pay off the credit cards first! Put your mortgage last on your debt-liquidation list because the interest is tax deductible. If you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, a 12 percent mortgage costs only 8.64 percent, after federal taxes.

**RULE 3: GET A GRIP ON YOUR CREDIT CARDS.** Most credit card issuers charge annual interest rates of 18 percent to 21 percent, making the cards among the most expensive ways to borrow. One method of slicing your credit card debt is by cutting up unnecessary cards. You need only one or two cards for personal use and perhaps another for business expenses. Always try to pay off the monthly bill in full. Never pay merely the bare minimum ... that just saddles you with more debt.

**RULE 4: INVESTIGATE DEBT CONSOLIDATION LOANS.** The pitch is time honored ... "If you borrow from us, you'll make just one easy monthly payment at a lower interest rate and we'll pay off your other loans." ... though, sometimes debt consolidators are bad deals. They are likely to charge a higher interest rate than you were paying and they might fail to settle your old debts. You may be thinking about consolidating your debts by taking out a home equity loan to pay off your credit card bills and personal loans ... look at this method very closely. Make a list of all of the pros and cons of using this type of program ... and then review the results. Unless you're a paragon of self-discipline, however, resist the temptation. It's awfully hard to snub any new debt. Most families owe money again within six months on their paid-up credit cards.

Here's the first four rules of controlling your debt (I'll review the remaining rules in next week's column). With the economy showing no noticeable improvements, there's all the more reason for you to take charge of your personal finances, especially your debt. List your problem areas ... set your goal ... make a plan ... and JUST DO IT! Best Wishes.

Ray Rose of THE PIONEER GROUP can be reached by phone, 413-731-6800; voice mail, 413-846-0961; or fax, 413-731-6881. THE PIONEER GROUP is the area's number one buyer's agent.

**Legal Memo**

by  
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## Long-Term Care For The Elderly: Medicaid Planning And Your Home

For many older persons, a home is their largest financial asset, not to mention an asset of great emotional significance.

In many cases, when confronted with the need for long-term nursing home care, an individual faces not only the prospect of physically leaving the home of many years, but also the fear of losing the home entirely in order to finance the cost of nursing home care. This fear is a major reason for seeking an attorney's assistance in long-term care planning.

For many individuals, particularly those who cannot afford or are otherwise unable to purchase long-term care insurance, planning for financing long-term care often involves strategizing to achieve eligibility for Medical Assistance (Medicaid).

Under current Medicaid regulations, the home is not a countable asset for determining Medicaid eligibility as long as:

- The individual intends to return home; or
- The home is inhabited by the spouse; a blind, under 21 years of age or disabled child; a child who cared for a parent while residing in the parent's home for at least two years before the parent's institutionalization (caretaker child); a sibling with an equity interest who lived in the home for at least a year before the recipient's institutionalization; or a dependent relative who will lose housing if the home is sold; or
- The individual has long-term care insurance on the date of admission that meets Massachusetts requirements.

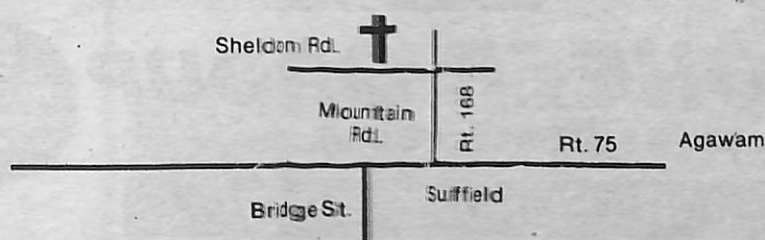
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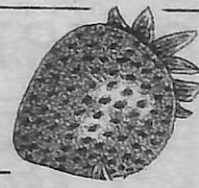
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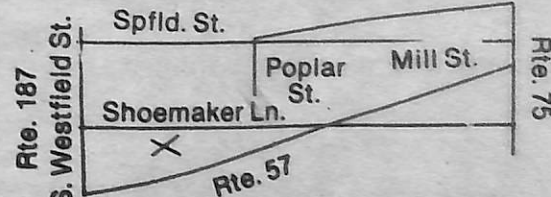
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## Straight Talk About Mortgage Matters

**Q. What is the difference between a pre-qualified buyer and a preapproved buyer?**

**A.** A buyer is prequalified for a loan based on non-verified income and credit information provided by the buyer. A prequalification is usually the opinion of the loan originator and does not represent a formal loan approval.

A preapproval is more in-depth and gives the buyer more buying strength. The lender makes a credit decision based on the information gathered from and about the buyer. The buyer is then preapproved for a mortgage of "\$X," with a maximum interest rate of "Y%."

Prequalification or preapproval are not mandatory for making an offer on a home, but either one adds strength to your buying position; preapproval is the strongest.

**Q. We have saved enough for a downpayment on our first home, but were told our monthly payments were too high to qualify for a mortgage loan. If we have good jobs, adequate income and pay on time, what other actions can we take to be eligible for a mortgage loan?**

**A.** The amount of debt you carry is very important when applying for a loan. The qualifying guidelines lenders use are based on studies of loan payments and default histories. Lenders have learned that if borrowers have high monthly obligations, they may eventually have problems handling their loan payments on a timely basis.

If you already have a large percentage of your monthly income going toward your monthly obligations, how much more can you comfortably afford? The best thing you can do is to reduce the amount of your monthly obligations.

Many loan programs do not require large downpayments, which would allow you to use a portion of the funds you've saved to pay off some of your debt. This will reduce your debt-to-income ratio and make it easier to meet qualifying requirements. Any other actions you can take to pay off your debt will be worthwhile.

For additional qualifying help, Norwest Mortgage has a credit counseling service — the Homebuyers Club — that works with potential

buyers in resolving credit and saving issues. For more information on this, contact your *Better Homes and Gardens* sales professional or your Norwest Mortgage representative.

**Q. What are compensating factors and how does a lender use them?**

**A.** Compensating factors are considerations lenders use to justify making exceptions to normal guidelines when qualifying borrowers for mortgage loans. For example, if a borrower has higher than normal debt-to-income ratios, loan approval may be granted if the borrower meets one or more of these compensating factors:

- Makes a large downpayment.
- Has shown the ability to pay a greater-than-average percentage of monthly income toward housing expense (previous high rent payments).
- Has a track record of maintaining good credit or a debt-free position and can accumulate savings.
- Earnings are likely to increase and career advancement is likely due to strong education or job training.

• Borrower's net worth is substantial.  
(Source: Norwest Mortgage and National Association of Realtors.)

For more information on buying a home, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

Travel  
Talk...

by Lori Keeley, CTC  
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## Why Should I Use A Travel Agent?

As a veteran travel agent, that's a question I'm often asked. Today, with the overwhelming number of sources for travel information (the Internet, cable television, newspapers, magazines, guidebooks, etc.), it's no wonder the consumer is confused. Yet, this is precisely why the services of a professional travel consultant are more valuable than ever.

In January, the television news magazine "20/20" reported the results of a test in which the travel agents beat consumers at uncovering the best airfares. However, it is much more than the "lowest fare" that provides the compelling argument for a good travel agent.

The best thing an agent can do is to match up a traveler with the vacation that's right for them. The professional travel consultant builds relationships with their clients to learn their interests and lifestyles, as well as their dispositions.

Below is a list of some of the important services, which are either provided free or for a nominal charge, by travel agents:

## 1. Distilling the product information

Through an ongoing and time-consuming process of familiarizations, continuing education, and customer feedback, the agent becomes a travel expert.

## 2. Investigating and supplying competitive information

No single supplier (airline) is going to advise a consumer that a better route or a better fare is available on a competing carrier.

## 3. Staying abreast of the most current and timely promotions

Via daily faxes, agent-only e-mail transmissions, and their relationship with their district sales managers, agents are obtaining the most current promotional information.

## 4. Analyzing the current promotions

The cheapest is not always the best.

## 5. Clarifying the fine print, such as cancellation penalties and restrictions.

Again, the benefits of a professional's experience can save a traveler money ... and headaches.

## 6. Making recommendations for travel-related options

Travel agents share the experience and knowledge they accumulate about a variety of travel topics, from where to eat, where to shop and what to pack.

## 7. Simplifying the research and subsequent transaction

Like a personal shopper, agents can provide one-stop shopping for travelers who require air arrangements, rental cars, cruise accommodations, and hotel stays - with suggestions that are in the best interest of the client, not the supplier.

## 8. Enhancing the trip with value-added benefits and amenities

Agents can add to the clients' experience by sending a bottle of wine, providing a special land package, a specific escort, or other custom amenities.

## 9. Using their clout to obtain the best possible in seemingly impossible situations

Whether it's airline seats, hotel room, or cruise space, the travel agent has more buying power than the consumer.

## 10. Getting problems resolved

The agent serves as the consumers' advocate in the event something inadvertently goes wrong.

The use of outside service providers for many transactions, such as tax preparation, isn't questioned. Similarly, if one is going to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars, as well as a good chunk of valuable leisure time, it makes sense to use a professional.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding travel, you can write to Lori Keeley, Travel Connections LTD, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Thanks for reading The Agawam Advertiser News and see you next week.

Free Homebuying  
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The offices of The PIONEER GROUP are sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You!"

It will be held Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m.-11:45 at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up homebuyers, understanding points and closing costs and how to minimize these fees, understanding seller contributions, the difference between a bank and a mortgage company and which one offers the better value, and more. The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of The PIONEER GROUP, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested ... their last seminar was filled to capacity. For more information, please listen to the recorded message at 846-0981 ... and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

Those that attend the workshop will receive a free copy of their credit report along with an application for a free mortgage pre-approval!

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## The Basics Of Chiropractic Care...

This short explanation is intended to tell you something about how your body functions and how chiropractic can help many conditions, and more importantly, restore and maintain health.

The Doctor of Chiropractic works with the nerves — both directly and indirectly — because every function of your entire body is under the control of the nervous system. Every organ, tissue, and cell is controlled by nerve impulses traveling from your brain to every part of your body.

Nerves make possible all physical movement as they transmit nerve supply to all muscles, bones, and joints. Nerves transmit all sensations to the brain. Nerves make possible all sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing. Nerves maintain your balance and keep your body at a normal 98.6 degrees.

Nerves make it possible to swallow. Nerves make your bowels move. Nerves control your liver, lungs, heart, spleen, pancreas, gall bladder, and kidneys. Nerves control circulation of blood.

In fact, as you can see, your nervous system is the master control of all other body systems — glandular, reproductive, digestive, eliminative, respiratory, and circulatory. Complete, perfect, natural health comes only when you have a complete, perfect, natural, normally-functioning nervous system.

Every science of healing has what is known as an "avenue of approach." In medicine, the physician injects drugs via a hypodermic needle through the skin; he prescribes a pill to be swallowed, which goes into the stomach (yet there need not be anything wrong with the skin or stomach). These are but "avenues" through which the drugs gain access to the body.

Now, for the Doctor of Chiropractic, the "avenue of approach" is primarily the SPINE because it houses and protects the spinal cord — the "switchboard" of the nervous system through which nerves pass from the brain as they carry nerve supply to all parts of the body.

The nerves branch off the spinal cord through openings between the movable spinal bones, the vertebrae. When these vertebrae, along with the discs between them, are out of alignment, there can be "interference" with the normal activity of the nerves.

This interference can disturb normal function throughout the body and cause many conditions. Today's highly-trained Doctor of Chiropractic has spent thousands of hours — six years or more of college — earning her doctorate. She has had extensive clinical experience with the human body and how to take care of it without drugs or surgery.

Most conditions of pain or ill health are the result of some underlying cause within the body which must first be found before correction can be affected, pain relieved, and health restored and maintained. Chiropractic has developed special techniques for locating the real, fundamental, original "causes" within the body which prevent natural health, and for correcting them so that normal, "natural" body functions may be restored to all the organs, tissues, and cells of the body.

Thank you for choosing our office for your chiropractic care. We look forward to working with you to help achieve your optimum level of health.

(The words "interference," "pressure," etc., are used for clearer understanding. The scientific term is "irritation.")

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 786-4820.

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## Support Groups Available At Noble Hospital

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesday, June 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic will be "Dietary Choices After A Stroke." Recipes and nutritional information will be shared, and the meeting will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW.

**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, June 23rd, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Jane F. Martone, DDS, MAGD, will speak to the group about dental hygiene and the diabetes patient.

## Balance Disorders & Dizziness Support Group At Mercy

The next meeting of the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation's Balance Disorders and Dizziness Support Group will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Meetings offers information and encouragement for persons living with balance difficulties or chronic dizziness. Family members and friends are also invited to attend the free sessions.

For more information, call Lois Osetek, M.S., CCC/A, at (413) 748-6840.

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## Your Back And Your Health

by **Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer**  
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## Golf-Related Pain...

During the recent LPGA tournament, we saw several professional golfers for back and neck-related complaints. In addition, a substantial number of local golfers have visited our facility for lower back pain and associated symptoms.

Here is some basic information with suggestions that may help you avoid the back pain that both the pros and hackers experience.

Driving a golf ball off the tee, down a long fairway requires a lot of physical effort. So does a long iron shot. The problem is that you continually swing the club the same way, time after time after time.

You are either right- or left-handed. So, when you repeatedly swing that club, one way, perhaps thousands of times each season, you are also twisting your spine and all of the muscles in the same direction over and over again. This creates an imbalance in muscles and a continual twisting of the spine.

Don't think that vertebra in your spine aren't going to suffer, too. They can become misaligned (subluxated) and effect the function of delicate nerves. I have enough golfers as patients to know that this is fact.

So, what can you do about it? Start adding some other forms of exercise that will be beneficial to your spine like swimming or bicycle riding. And if you really love the game of golf, a spinal examination by a doctor of chiropractic is in order.

Perhaps a problem is developing and it can be corrected. This may save you the crisis of an emergency visit for treatment at some future times.

Golfers may seek relief for their back pain at Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 789-1369.

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## Arts

### Agawam Library Receives Donation Of Compact Discs

In support of the Agawam summer concert series, Jim Olsen, President of Signature Sounds Recording Company of Whately, has donated an extensive collection of compact discs to the Agawam Library.

The company represents many talented artists who reside primarily in Western Massachusetts but tour nationally and have gained national recognition and acclaim. The label specializes in acoustic/folk music, but also represents artists from other musical backgrounds. The Western Massachusetts company features a unique web site ([www.signature-sounds.com](http://www.signature-sounds.com)) which allows visitors to listen to sound clips from each artist.

Included in the 17-disc donation are CD's from Salamander Crossing and Erica Wheeler, both of whom will be featured at this year's Summer Entertainment Series. Other artists include Maria Sangiolo, John Sheldon, and Blue Streak, Pete Nelson, as well as the compilation CD, "Live at the Iron Horse" and others.

Two other artists who are scheduled to perform in Agawam this summer, Kevin So and Five O'Clock Shadow, have also donated copies of their latest CD's.

Persons interested should look for the local CD section at the library or ask at the reference desk.

### Westfield Theatre To Hold Auditions For "Rumors"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will hold auditions for its 1998 fall production of "Rumors," written by Neil Simon. The show will be directed by Katherine Levey and will be held November 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th.

Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 29th and 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield. There are parts for five men and five women, all 30 or older.

If you are interested in auditioning, please report to the Woman's Club on either of those nights. You need not make an appointment, as they are open auditions.

Should you have any questions, please call the theater at 572-6838.

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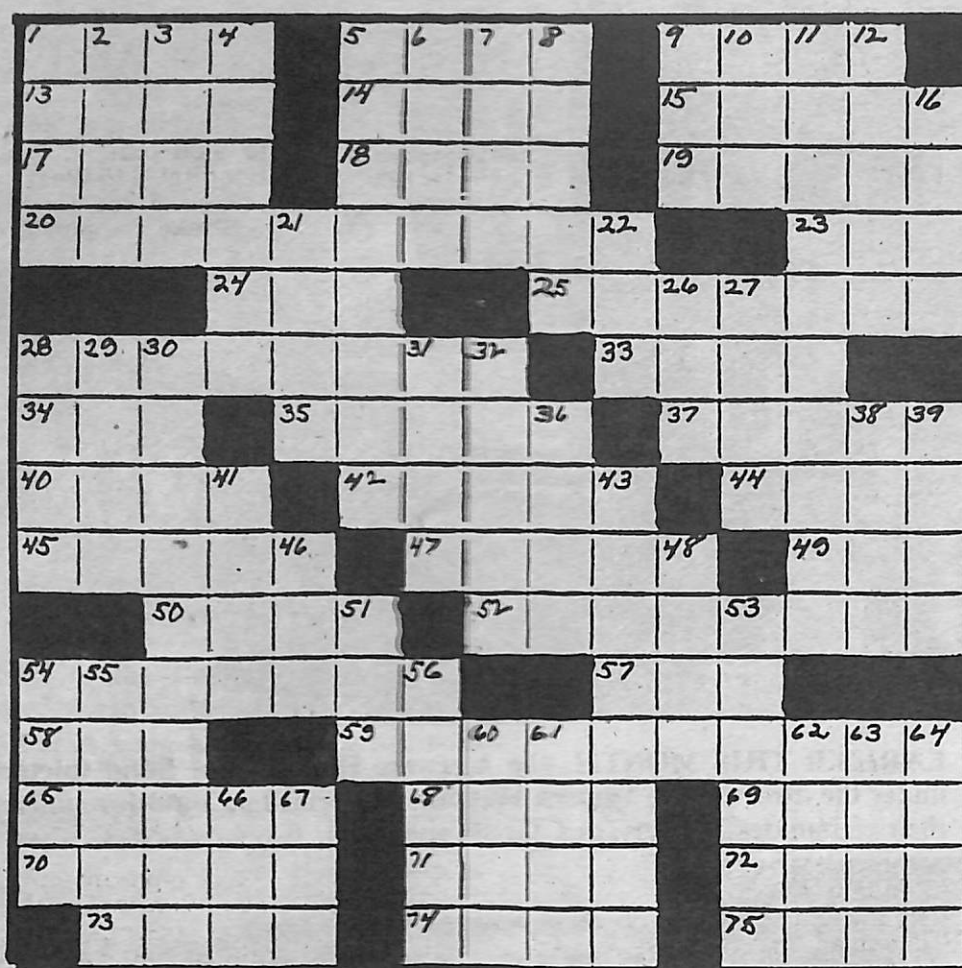
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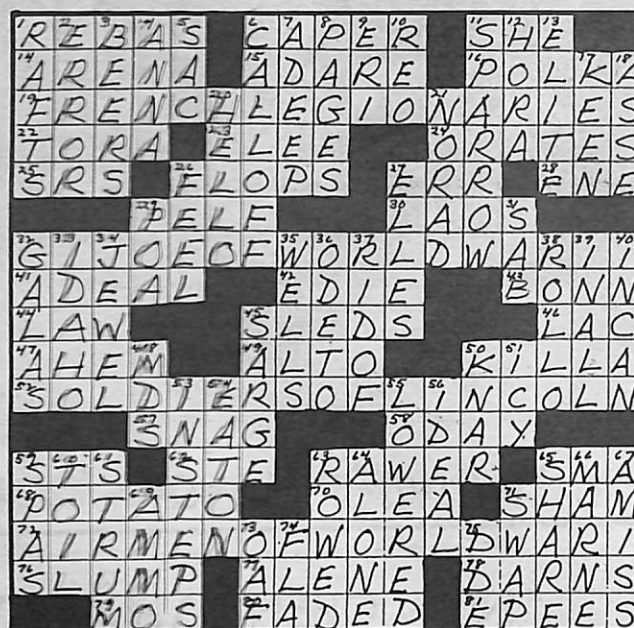
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### Jr. High Announces Dismissal Procedure For Last Day Of School

Agawam Junior High School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that the school will observe the following "Last Day of School Dismissal Procedure" in an attempt to dissuade some unsafe practices that have occurred in the past.

Consequently, dismissal procedures for the last day of school on June 22nd will be as follows:

- All students who normally ride a bus home will be dismissed from their homerooms when their bus arrives at school.

- If you are a bus rider, **you must ride your normal bus home.** Bus riders will not be allowed to walk home with friends.

- Students who will be picked-up and drive home by parents/guardians must have a written note from their parent/guardian.

- Walkers will be dismissed, in intervals, after all busses have departed.

- **Dismissal will be at 11:15 a.m.**

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## Six AHS Juniors Receive College Book Awards

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At a reception for the students and their parents held in the school library last week, six of the best and brightest members of the junior class were honored for their achievements in academic excellence as this year's recipients of the College Book Awards.

Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski told the students to make the same connection between the importance of a good education and the democratic ideals of equality, the pursuit of happiness and liberty as demonstrated by the writings and accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, which talks about equality, happiness and liberty, and then he proceeded to build the University of Virginia because he understood that democracy requires a well-educated citizenry, Zabielski said.

"It's not the intent of government to provide you with equality, happiness and liberty. You're not going to get it from Bill Clinton. You're going to get it from your education," Zabielski said. "Don't ever give up on your education. If you encounter obstacles, overcome the obstacles."

The book awards are made possible by the generosity of the alumni of the nine participating area colleges and universities; the winners are chosen by the academic coordinators in math, science and English, working in consultation with each other and with the members of their departments.

In announcing **Mario Santillo** as the winner of the Xerox-University of Rochester Humanities Award, English Academic Coordinator Rosemary Stratton noted, "Every year, the English Department award goes to a good all-around student. When they're good in English, they are usually good in every area."

The Science and Math Departments agreed, awarding Mario with the Bausch & Lomb University of Rochester Science Award and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal for excellence in math and science. Mario also received the Brown University Book Award.

**Jennifer McGuire** received the Smith College Book Award and the Russell Sage Pin. Also honored for their scholarship were **Daniel Balbony**, Bentley College Book; **Andrew Charko**, Harvard University Book; **Nikita Reshamwala**, Dartmouth University Book; and **Patricia Zerra**, American International College Book.

## Locals Named To Dean's List At Bryant College

Kimberly J. Hayes of Agawam, a senior Accounting-Financial major, and Anthony J. Rose of Feeding Hills, a senior Finance major, were among students named to the Dean's List at Bryant College.

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THE 1998 RECIPIENTS of the Junior Class Book Awards (from left to right): Patricia Zerra, Jennifer McGuire, Mario Santillo, Daniel Balbony, and Nikita Reshamwala. (Missing from photo: Andrew Charko.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COLLEGE BOOK AWARD recipients Patricia Zerra, Jennifer McGuire, Mario Santillo, Daniel Balbony, and Nikita Reshamwala with their parents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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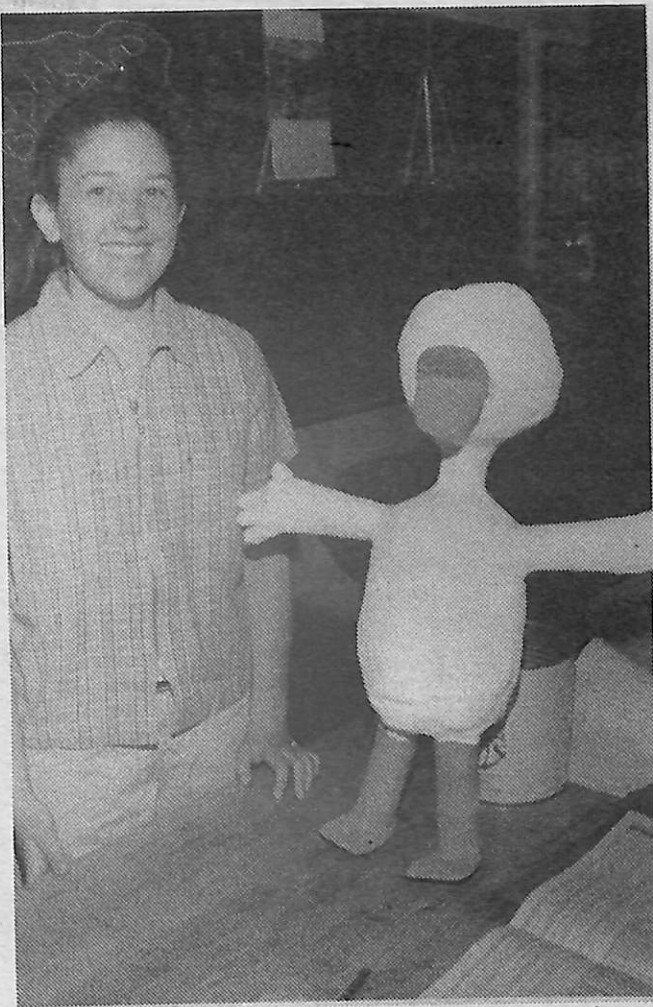
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JAMIE BORKOSKY

## Jamie Borkosky Wins Prestigious Art Awards

Congratulations to Agawam Junior High School award-winner Jamie Borkosky. Jamie, 14, daughter of Gail & Daniel Borkosky of Feeding Hills, recently was awarded two prestigious art awards.

Jamie was awarded a \$100 scholarship at the Westfest Art Exhibit held in Westfield at Stanley Park. Many competing local students participate for this honor which Jamie received.

Jamie recently was awarded the **Karen Buffington DelPeschio Outstanding Art Award** given by the AJHS Art Department. This award was presented by Mrs. DelPeschio in memory of her daughter, Karen.

Presented to the top eighth grade art student, Jamie was chosen for her good citizenship, leadership, artistic talent, and love for learning. Chosen out of 360 students, Jamie was recognized at the Wednesday, June 18th Awards Assembly with an engraved plaque.

Jamie is a National Junior Honor Society member and an AJHS yearbook staff member. Her outside interests include softball, piano lessons, and painting in her favorite medium of oils. Jamie has taken outside art lessons from Don Blanton and Denise Griffen.

Jamie's art teacher, Mrs. Deb Florek, stated, "Choosing Jamie for our Outstanding Art Student Award was rewarding, as her love and dedication for the Arts is outstanding!"

It should be no surprise that Jamie's future plans include art, possibly as an art educator. Congratulations, Jamie, for your time and talent to the Arts!

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## Earning Their "Outdoor Surrounding" Badge



JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 587 recently went on a hike to Robinson Park in an effort to complete their "Outdoor Surrounding" badge. Much of the information that they used to complete the badge was gathered on their field trip to *Backpacking Etc.* on Walnut Street in Agawam. The girls were very grateful to store owner, Ray Tibbets, for sharing his knowledge on hiking and backpacking with them. Front row: Allison Ziemba and Heather Moffatt. Middle row: Stephanie Midura, Shelley Shiveley, Julie Worchol, Laura Provost, and Kaite Bonneville. Back row: Troop Leader Denise Moffatt, Ray Tibbets (owner of *Backpacking Etc.*), and Assistant Leader Mary Provost.



Front row: Marie Iacolino, Shelley Shiveley, Allison Ziemba, Kailin Symanski, Heather Moffatt, and Kaite Bonneville. Back row: Stephanie Midura, Julie Worchol, Kara Reynolds, and Laura Provost.

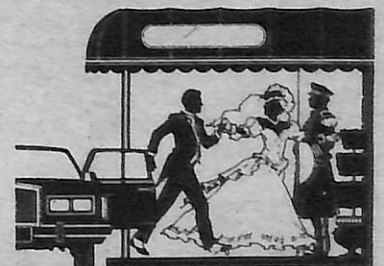
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**REGISTRATION PLACE:** ALAN R. COHEN, Summer School Director, Agawam High School - Guidance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Telephone number: 821-0519.

**LENGTH OF PROGRAM:** 4 weeks - 36 hours (except Physical Education - 18 hours).

**TIME AND DAYS:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (July 6th through July 31st); Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (July 7th through July 30th).

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$85 each class (residents and non-residents).

**REGISTRATION DATES:** June 17th through July 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.

**PAYMENT:** Checks made payable to AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL. Payment due with Registration Form. (Registration Forms are available at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.) Mail Registration Form and check to "Agawam High School - Summer School, Attn.: Mr. Alan Cohen, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001."

**CANCELLATION:** The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment.

**REFUND POLICY:** Full refund if course is canceled. NO REFUND AFTER FIRST CLASS HAS MET or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** No credit will be given if student misses more than two classes. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Avoid tardiness and dismissals.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one own's guidance department before registration.

**NOTE:** ALL summer school classes will be held at Agawam Junior High School, 1335 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

### COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 6th-31st

7th Grade English; 8th Grade English; 9th Grade English; 10th Grade English; 11th Grade English; 12th Grade English; Spanish I/II; Intro To Computers; Intro To Health.

### Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 7th-30th

Government/Geography/Civics; World History; U.S. History; 7th Grade Math; 8th Grade Math; Pre-Algebra; Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry; General Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physical Education (this course meets only two hours per day - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.)

## Phelps Fourth Graders Take A Field Trip...



**PHELPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** fourth graders recently went on a field trip to the Boston Sea Aquarium and Boston Science Center. It was a gorgeous day and everyone had a blast! The youngsters are pictured above with their teachers, Miss Ucella and Mr. Shea, along with a few chaperones in front of the Boston Sea Aquarium.

## Junior Achievement Honors Area Residents At Annual Meeting

At their Annual Meeting on June 9th at Baystate Medical Center, Junior Achievement honored an outstanding educator and volunteer partnership.

Don Prisby from Milton Bradley and Paul Quinn from Agawam Junior High School have been going that extra mile to bring the JA experience to the student for five to six years. Giving up lunch hours, putting in extra hours at school, and extending the required program time, their partnership is an extraordinary example of what can happen when given the effort.

In recognition of outstanding leadership in the Chestnut Middle School partnership with SIS Bank, the "Golden Apple" award was presented to Mo Murphy. Mo has been teaching at Chestnut for over 20 years and has been involved with Junior Achievement and the Personal Economics for approximately seven years. He has made a significant difference in the development of the school's partnership with SIS Bank and Junior

Achievement.

Seventh grade students Christopher Martin, Eric McLaughlin, and Suzanne Dudley from Agawam Junior High School spoke of the value of their Personal Economics class, and the practical experience of running a school store.

JA also reached a milestone, as nearly 12,000 students participated this school year, making this the largest program in history. Over 100 schools, 500 teachers and 500 volunteers teamed to teach young people practical business/economics.

Junior Achievement is the largest, fastest-growing, non-profit economic education organization in the world. Through partnerships with the business and education communities, Junior Achievement currently reaches over 2.3 million elementary, middle, and high school students in the United States and in over 80 countries around the world.

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Brownie Troop 554 wants to thank all the girls, their families, Granger School, and the Agawam community for their assistance in making 1997-1998 a successful year.

We especially want to thank our two bi-weekly mother volunteers, Judy Cosby and Lisa Cabibo, and Cookie Mom, Mary O'Connell.

To summarize our year, the Troop earned seven try-its: Animals, Art to Wear, Caring and Sharing, Dancercise, Manners, Science in Action, and Sports and Games.

We participated in the following community service projects: Shriners Hospital Tab Collection Program; MSCPA/Rowley Animal Hospital Wish List; Agawam Junior Women's Club Holiday Basket Program; Milton Bradley Giving Tree; Open Pantry Food-Dry Goods Collection; and submitted a donation to the Baystate Hospital Children's Ward.

We were able to attend these events: New England Blizzard Girl Scout Night; the Girl Scout Rollaway Skate; Girl Scout Cookie Group Sales at Geissler's; Fitness First Step-aerobics-Swim; The Academy of Artistic Performance Learn to Dance; Girl Scout Always in Stride Fun Walk; Girl Scout Troop 556 Silver Award Project at Agawam Cinemas; and the Agawam Girl Scout Annual Giving Tree.

In early May, the girls attended a Tea Party provided by Dale Keijser of Party Reflections in Ware. Dale introduced our girls to proper etiquette, and table and telephone manners through role-playing and her puppet, Mrs. Rudy.

Each of the girls were able to wear fancy dress-up clothes to their party, which consisted of decaf herbal tea and small snacks. We finished our tea by making thank-you cards.

Our end-of-the-year celebration was also our Investiture/Rededication Ceremony and was held at Peterjans Ice Cream.

**The deadline for our annual "Graduation Issue" is Monday, June 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation ... AAN!!!**

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**MEMBERS OF BROWNIE TROOP 554 from Granger School. Top row: Allison O'Brien, Nora O'Connell, Kimberly Bock, Sarah Cosby, Katherine McGeoghan, Danielle Burns, Chelsea Lafontaine, and Amanda Olmo. Bottom row: Katherine Figella, Emily Laliberte, "guest" Katie Cosby, Kristen Kudlic, Alyssa Dominquez, and Meghan Masciadrelli. (Missing from photo: Emily Baker, Lauren Grant, and Paige Harbey.)**



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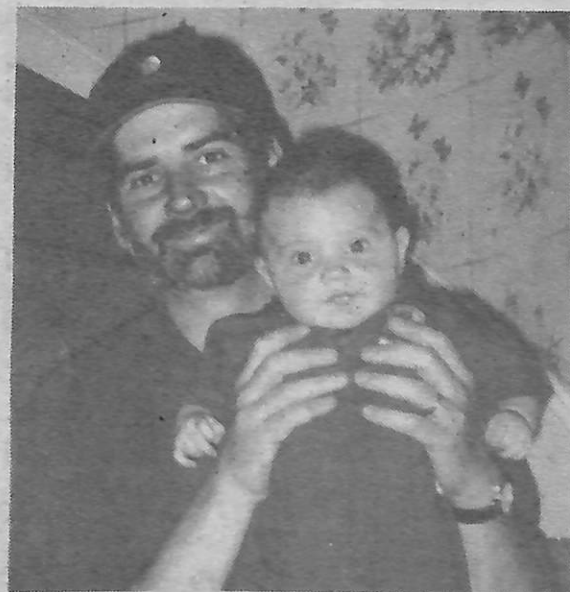
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## Picnicking At Robinson State Park...



IN LEFT PHOTO: After completing three years of Brownie Girl Scouts, Troop 580 had a picnic at Robinson State Park. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Four Scouts from Troop 580 — Christina Harbour, Megan Wills, Glenna Brooks, and Catilan Grimaldi — took part in a "Flying Up" ceremony to go on to Junior Girl Scouting.

## Summer Reading Ideas For Gr. 3-4

The Agawam school system's teachers, administrators, and School Committee members would like to share with you a summer reading list that was compiled from the Massachusetts Department of Education's CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS.

Research confirms that the highest achieving classroom students are those who watch the least amount of television and who read books frequently. Unlike books, which require the reader to ponder, imagine, analyze, and question, television programs invite no active response from the viewer. Additionally, questions and answers derived from television programs are often superficial and require little reflection.

When a child is encouraged to read either fiction or nonfiction books, a habit of inquiry is developed. Also, summer reading will help your child to internalize several of the skills he or she has learned in school.

Our public library offers many wonderful programs to students and contains books written by the suggested authors noted on this list. Please take advantage of this wonderful resource and encourage your child to read this summer!

**Grades 3-4:** Judy Blume, Joseph Bruchac, Betsy Byars, Ann Cameron, Eleanor Coerr, Joanna Cole, Paula Danziger, Edward Eager, Walter Farley, John Fitzgerald, Louise Fitzhugh, Sid Fleischman, Jean Fritz, John Reynolds Gardiner, Jamie Gilson, Paul Goble, Edward Gorey, Dick King-Smith, Jacob Lawrence, Patricia Lauber, Jane Langton, Julius Lester, David Macaulay, Patricia

MacLachlan, Barry Moser, Emily Neville, Daniel Pinkwater, Alvin Schwartz, Jon Scieszka, Shel Silverstein, Mildred Taylor, Mildred Pitts Walter, Laurence Yep, Jane Yolen.

*A Suggested List of Authors, Illustrators, or Works Reflecting Our Common Literacy and Cultural Heritage Grades 3-4:*

*The Bible as literature:* Tales listed above and: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, David and Jonathan, the Prodigal Son, the visit of the Magi, well-known psalms (e.g., 23, 24, 46, 92, 121, and 150).

*Greek, Roman, or Norse myths; Native American myths and legends; North American folk tales and legends; stories about King Arthur and Robin Hood.*

*At least one work, excerpt, or selection from each of the following British authors:* Frances Burnett, Lewis Carroll, Kenneth Grahame, Edith Nesbit, Mary Norton, Margery Sharp, Robert Louis Stevenson, P.L. Travers.

*At least one work, excerpt, or selection from each of the following American authors and illustrators:* L. Frank Baum, Beverly Cleary, Elizabeth Coatsworth, Mary Maps Dodge, Elizabeth Enright, Eleanor Estes, Jean George, Sterling North, Howard Pyle, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Carl Sandburg, George Selden, Louis Slobodkin, E.B. White, Laura Ingalls Wilder.

*At least one poem by the following poets:* Stephen Vincent and Rosemarie Carr Benet, Lewis Carroll, John Ciardi, Rachel Field, Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, Edward Lear, Myra Cohn Livingston, David McCord, A.A. Milne, Laura Richards.

## Stephanie Goyette To Participate In MacDuffie Art Show

The First Annual MacDuffie School Art Show will take place on Thursday, June 25th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by an Admissions Open House from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The show will feature a wide variety of media, including: color pencils, ink, black pencil, watercolor, oil, and polymer clay. Student works of jewelry, leather, sculpture, and photography will also be shown.

Students whose works will be displayed come from many area towns and a number of foreign countries. Among the students who will be participating is **Stephanie Goyette** of Feeding Hills.

MacDuffie's art teacher, Jo-Ann Hastings of West Springfield, will also have some of her works on display. Ms. Hastings, who has been a member of the arts department for over 10 years, is a graduate of Elms College in Chicopee.

The MacDuffie School, a coeducational school for boys and girls from grades six to 12, is located in downtown Springfield, off Maple Street on Ames Hill Drive.

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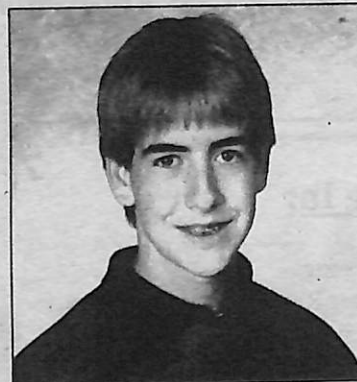
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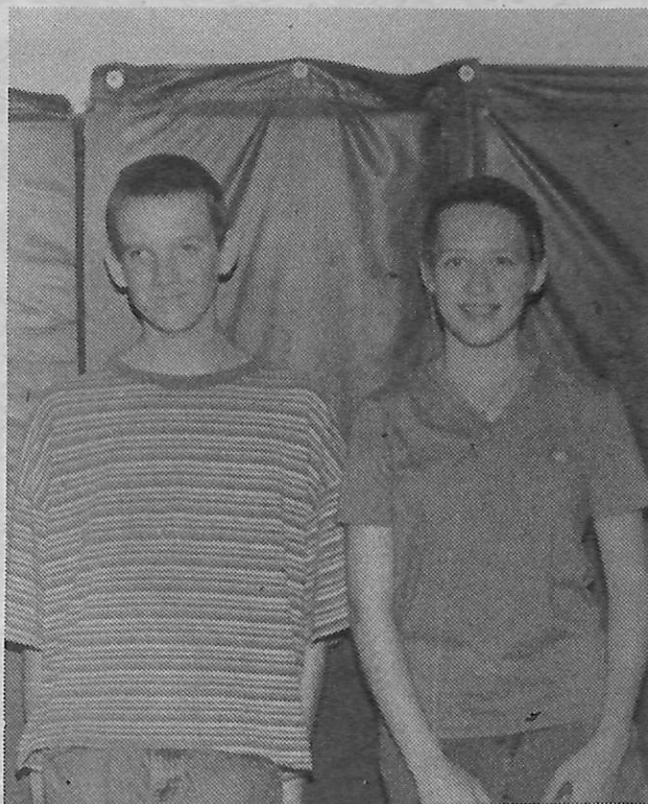
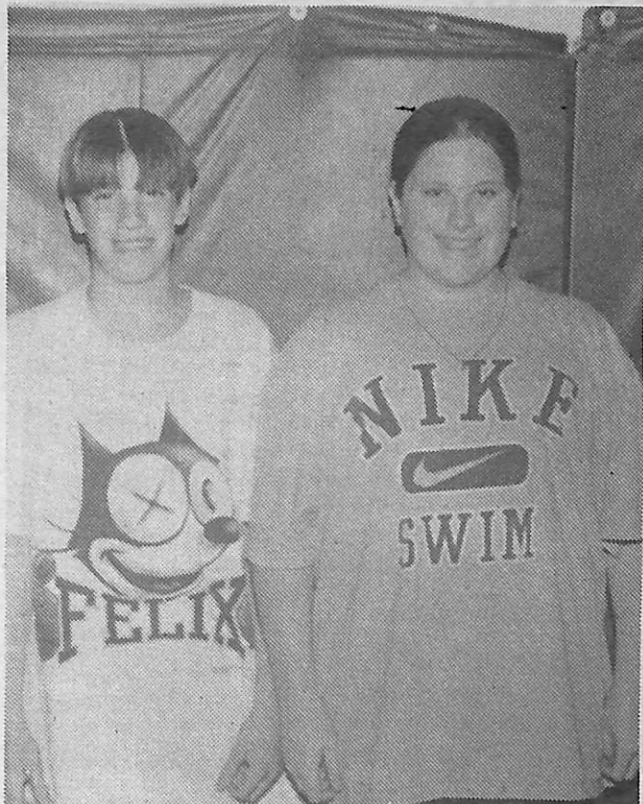
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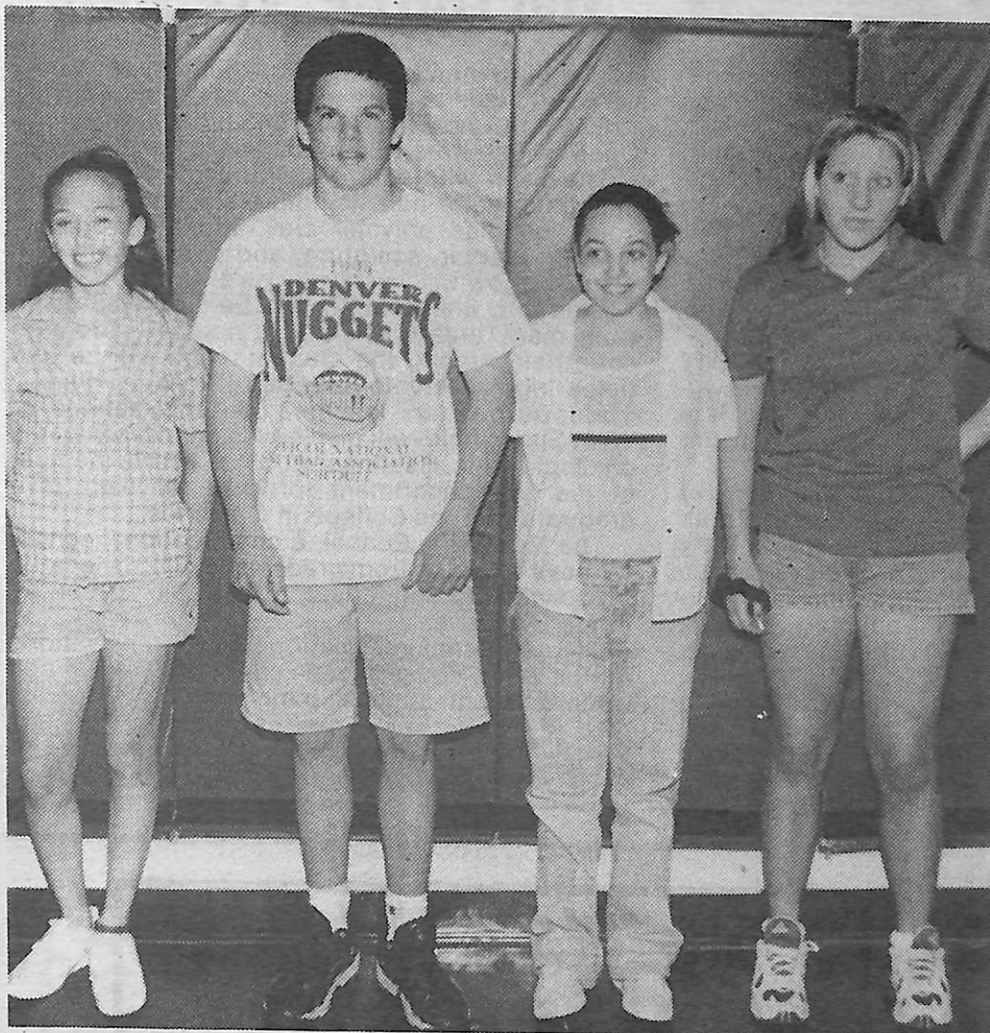


## Congratulations To Jr. High Students...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Mike Lalli and Brittany Theriaque, Agawam Junior High's latest "Art Students of the Month." IN RIGHT PHOTO: Peter Kingsley and Lindsey Carey, the Junior High's "Physical Education Students of the Month" for May. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Jr. High Students Get Savings Bonds



AT THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH, previous "Students of the Month" recipients (from left) Danielle Cirillo, Robert Solitario, Christina Ieraci, and Amanda Fox were recently awarded \$50 savings bonds. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Area Students On Bucknell University's Spring Dean's List

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 1997-98 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

The following area students were among those who attained this honor at Bucknell:

**Eric P. Mastroianni** of 42 Edgewood Lane, Agawam, son of Albert and Barbara Mastroianni.

**Michelle L. Dutton** of 163 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, daughter of Larry and Mary Dutton.

## Perry Lane Seeks Assistant Teacher For Next School Year

Perry Lane Nursery School (a division of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department) seeks an OCCS qualified assistant teacher to assist with observations, staff development, and curriculum.

Hours are 8:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. during the academic year commencing September 1998. Hourly wage for this part-time assistant teacher position is \$6.78 per hour.

Qualified applicants, please apply to Personnel Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam no later than July 31, 1998.

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## AHS Marching Mohawks Slate Bottle & Can Drive

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks will be holding a Bottle and Can Drive June 26th-27th at Dave's Soda and Pet Food City in Agawam.

If you would like to donate any cans or bottles for redemption, please leave them in a bag outside of your home for pick-up.

**Agawam pick-up:** Friday, June 26th, 3:00-6:00 p.m. **Feeding Hills pick-up:** Saturday, June 27th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

If an alternate date is needed, please contact Robin at 789-0296. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by the Agawam Marching Mohawks.

## AHS's Class Of 1978 Schedules 20-Year Reunion For November

The Agawam High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, November 28, 1998 at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Details will be sent out at a later date. If you have moved in the last five years or know of anyone who has, please let us know. We need to update our mailing list.

We are also looking for anyone who has any memorabilia from our class in 1978. Please drop a note to Shelley (Borgatti) Reed, 10 Shelley Lane, Feeding Hills, MA or call Lisa (Kamyk) Johnson at (413) 789-2335.

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# Sports

Third Division I Softball Title In Four Years...

## JACKOBEK'S STUNNING NO-HITTER LEADS AHS TO WMASS TITLE

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It's a worn-out cliché - that old saw about good things come to those who wait. But it is true.

The Agawam High girls' softball team had to endure almost a week of rain delays before they played in the Western Mass. Division I championship against Wahconah up at packed Szot Park in Chicopee. The Brownies came away with a 4-0 win, securing their third Western Mass. title in the last four years. The locals were heading for the state semi-finals at presstime.

This one was a tour de force for a team that wasn't picked by the so-called "experts" to win anything when the season started. The Brownies did it with defense and another stunning performance by junior pitcher Ali Jakobek, who threw her second no-hitter of the season, both coming in the pressure-packed playoffs.

"I always dreamed I'd help this team win a championship," Ali smiled when it was over. Jakobek, who hasn't allowed a run in her last 28 innings of work, was only three walks away from a perfect game in this one. Her record rose to 11-3. The Brownies, who were mysteriously seeded third in the tournament, now stand at 18-3 overall. Wahconah, the top seeded, finished a strong campaign at 19-4.



**WITH TWO NO-HITTERS** and three shutouts in the Western Mass Tournament, junior Ali Jakobek served notice she is one of the premiere pitchers in Western Mass. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

### Confidence Level A 10

Ali said after her shutout win (4-0) over Cathedral in the semi-finals that she was at an eight or nine on a confidence level of 10. She reached the 10 mark on this one, never seeing trouble of any kind. Her defense played solid ball behind her and sophomore catcher Dianna DiStefano called another outstanding game.

While Jakobek was busy shutting down the Wahconah offense, the Brownies were busy getting her runs. They struck first in the second inning. With one down, Amy Mastroianni, who has to be one of the most underrated players in Western Mass., slapped a single to right and took second on a wild throw-in from the outfield. Sophomore junior varsity call-up Jen Lyman hit a ball to first and was out on the unassisted play. Mastroianni sped to third. Amanda Merola singled to left, driving in Mastroianni for what would turn out to be the only run Agawam would need.

Agawam hit paydirt again in the third. Junior second baseman Kornelia Moysis reached on an error. Senior Kristen Patterson forced her at second. Senior Steph Fleming was out third to first, but Patterson, with her blazing speed, went to third.

DiStefano, who is the epitome of hustle, beat out a play for an infield single. Patterson, ever alert, came home on that deal. DiStefano was on second when senior Amber Conte stalked to the plate. The All-Western Mass. third sacker singled and DiStefano scored.

Conte worked her way to third when Wahconah

pitcher Ashley Conley suffered a sudden attack of wildness. Indeed, a wild pitch saw Conte score from the hot corner to make it 4-0, Agawam.

Jakobek got the side in order to end the inning. To that point, she had retired nine straight. A lead-off walk in the fourth scratched out her perfect game. She gave up two more walks in the fifth.

Wahconah had a runner on third in that inning and was threatening to score with two outs. Second sacker Lindsey Conley rammed one to first. Frosh first baseman Jill Gendron gobbled it up to end the threat.

### Play Of The Game

The sixth saw the play of the game from Agawam's standpoint. Wahconah's (pitcher) Conley pushed a ball to shallow right. Lyman, who had a nifty 9-3 putout in the fourth, was really tested on this one.

Lyman, the junior varsity captain for the spring season, took the ball on the hot hop from rightfield and pegged it to Gendron at first. It was

a bang-bang job that worked on a whisper and preserved the no-hitter. Wahconah had the air let out of it and went limp. Jakobek set them down in order to close out the game.

As the celebration went on when it was over. Brownie Coach Deb Lickley stood alone, with only a reporter or two around her. She was bitterly disappointed last season when her club lost in the finals to Pittsfield. It was vindication this time around. She was savoring the whole thing. "One day off, 10 days off, it seems to make no difference to these kids," the coach said of her team. "They have the ability to stay focused," she added.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Patterson - 0-3, 1 rs; Fleming - 0-2, 1 sb; DiStefano - 1-3, 1 rbi, 1 rs; Conte - 1-3, 1 rbi, 1 rs; Gendron 0-3; Mastroianni - 1-3, 1 rs; Lyman - 0-2; Merola - 2-2, 1 rbi; Moysis - 0-2.

**PITCHING:** Jakobek (w): 7 IP; 0 R; 0 ER; 2 SO; 3 W; 0.00 ERA.

**AGAWAM:** 4 R; 5 H; 0 E; 1 LOB; **WAHCONAH:** 0 R; 0 H; 2 E; 3 LOB.



**A HAPPY BATCH OF AGAWAM HIGH SOFTBALL BROWNIES** gather around the plaque designating them as the 1998 Division I champs. The Brownies whitewashed Wahconah, 4-0 on Tuesday night. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



**AGAWAM HIGH SENIORS**, from left - Steph Fleming, Kristen Patterson, Amber Conte, and Amy Mastroianni give the number one sign after winning the Western Mass. Division I title Tuesday night at Szot Park. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



Profile - Andy St. Jean...

## All-Around Athlete/Class Pres. Andy St. Jean To Enter Citadel

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Sunday, Agawam High scholar/athlete Andy St. Jean got his sheepskin at Symphony Hall and addressed the huge gathering as senior class president. Recently, he took some time out to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Andy is 17 years-old. He'll turn 18 on July 7th. He is 5'9" tall and 170 pounds. He spent his four years of secondary education at the High School.

His final semester was taken up with Advanced Placement biology, AP English, physics, sociology, fourth-year French, advanced math, and contemporary world history. His favorite course was French. Nancy Kundel was his top teacher.

Andy was in the National Honor Society as a senior as well as the honors class in sociology.

He plans to attend The Citadel military academy in Charleston, South Carolina when fall rolls around. "I want to become involved in the military," he says.

Andy had gained an appointment to The United States Military Academy at West Point, but a shoulder injury he suffered during the last football season at AHS ended his hopes for West Point. He plans to major in political science and social studies.

"One day, I would like to work for the government, hopefully in the Department of Defense," he noted.

Andy played two sports as a Brownie — football and baseball. His three seasons on the gridiron saw him win All-Conference and All-Western Mass. second team honors as a senior. He was a catcher on the baseball team for four years and was a two-year starter. He plans to try out for baseball at The Citadel. "They are very good, but I'll give it a shot," he smiled.

He has no favorite sport. "I like the one I'm playing at the time," he admitted.

### Reflecting On Football And Baseball Seasons...

His take on the 1997 football season of last fall (3-6-1) goes like this: "We were talented athletically, but we didn't play as a unit." Baseball was a little different. They got into the playoffs, only to be beaten by Westfield, 10-4, in the first round to finish up at 15-6. "We had a lot of senior talent and we played as a unit. It just didn't happen in the end, though," he said. Andy was one of this year's tri-captains.

His most memorable sports moment was beating West Side, 27-8, in last year's Thanksgiving Day football game.

Andy's favorite foods come from salt water. "My favorite food is lobster, and anything else that comes from the sea and is edible. I'm a big seafood fan," he smiled.

Red is his favorite color.

He has no choice in transportation. "I don't even have my license yet," he noted.

Andy has a unique choice for his favorite athlete — Ty Cobb. He says part of one wall in his room is covered with posters of the late Detroit Tigers Hall of Famer. His favorite team is the Cleveland Browns.

His favorite place to hang out is anywhere with his friends.

Heavy metal is number one on his music list. He favors the band Pantera, whom he has seen five times over the years. As a matter of fact, Andy is a member of a heavy metal rock group called Aftershock. He plays rhythm guitar. They have a gig on June 22nd at The Iron Horse in Northampton. They'll be at Infinity's in Springfield on July 19th.

He isn't picky when it comes to his wardrobe. "Anything comfortable — jeans, T-shirts, a good pair of athletic shoes," he said.

Andy doesn't have a favorite TV show because he says he doesn't watch the tube very much.

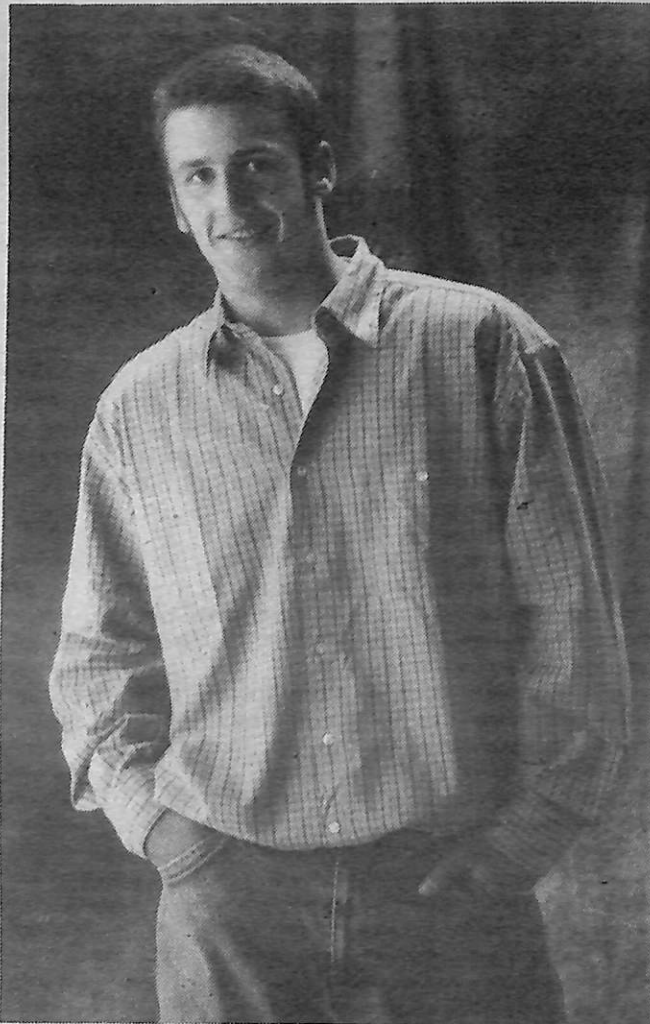
His top movie is "Natural Born Killers." "I like it because Woody Harrelson is my favorite actor," he noted. The co-star in that flick, Juliette Lewis, is one of his favorite actresses.

Susan is his mom's name. Denis is his dad. Brian, the sophomore pitcher at AHS, is his younger brother. He has two older brothers, Denis and Jeff.

The person he looks up to most is his dad. "He's a decent man," Andy said.

How would Andy like to be remembered at AHS? "I'm a kid who gave his all and pretty much stayed in line," he smiled.

His baseball coach this season, Pete Clark, had this to say about Andy: "Andy was a solid catcher who controlled our pitching staff. He was a coach on the field and called his own pitches. He is intelligent and is a leader."



ANDY ST. JEAN

## Vets' Council Golf Tourney Rescheduled For Sat., June 28th

Due to inclement weather, the Agawam Veterans' Council was forced to reschedule the Annual Flag Day Golf Tournament to Sunday, June 28th.

It will take place at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. The scramble format for the tourney will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Your participation will help the council raise an HONOR ROLL of Agawam war veterans on our Veterans' Green for next May (if sufficient funds are raised). Research is completed, and the names of World War II veterans are being published weekly in *The Agawam Advertiser-News* in the "Veterans' Corner" column. Watch for your name or the name of a loved one.

There will be a BBQ, a raffle, and many prizes given away at the golf tournament. Everyone had a great time last year, so join us for another fun day and help the project along as well.

## Locals Receive Spring Athletic Awards At Suffield Academy

At the Athletic Awards Assembly at Suffield Academy on May 28th, the following area students were honored with special awards and varsity letters.

### \* Golf:

Varsity Letter - Christopher Knight of Feeding Hills.

### \* Girls' Lacrosse:

Varsity Letter - Cathleen Evans of Agawam.

### \* Softball:

Varsity Letter - Jennifer Modzelesky of Feeding Hills.

### \* Boys' Track:

Varsity Letter and Outstanding Achievement Award - Daniel Beaudette, Tri-captain, of Agawam.

Varsity Letter and the Glover, Rockwell, Bensinger Award for outstanding sportsmanship and enthusiasm - Jeffrey Beaudette of Agawam.

### \* Girls' Track:

Varsity Letter - Melissa Knight of Agawam.

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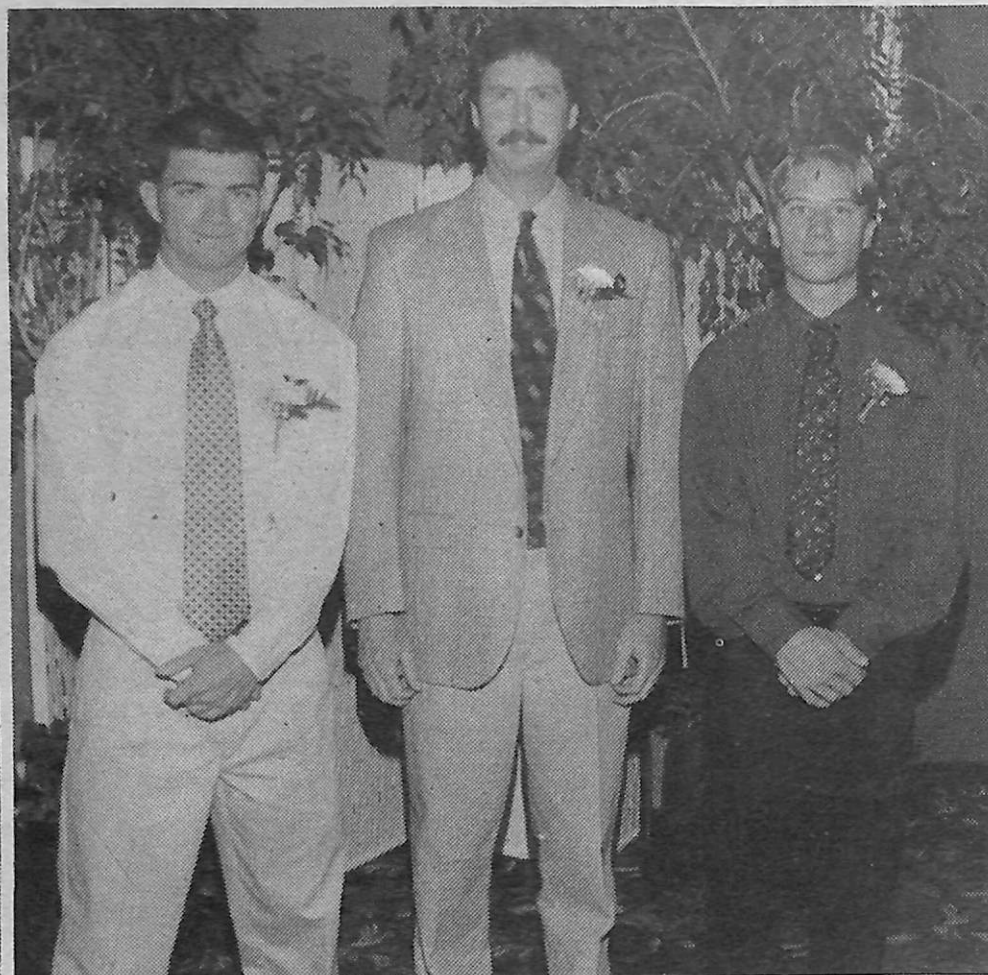
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## AHS Track Teams Gather For Annual Banquet



AT THE ANNUAL AHS TRACK BANQUET at Chez Josef last month, members of the girls' and boys' teams were honored for outstanding 1998 spring seasons. From left - Assistant Coach Chris Benjamin, Assistant Coach Dan Pryce, senior captain Lonnie DeLucca, senior captain Aimee Loudfoot, and Coach Deam Vecchiarelli; PHOTO RIGHT - senior captain Ian Lane, Coach Bill Dillon, and senior captain Brad Tilden. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High girls' track team pictured at the Annual Banquet. From left - Heather Green, Lonnie DeLucca, Jessica Ferris, Kristin Ferguson, Jessica DeGray, Jennifer Zerra, and Aimee Loudfoot. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High boys' track team pictured at the Annual Banquet. From left - Joe Heneghan, Lee Kunkler, Kevin Hill, Ian Lane, Brad Tilden, and Raffin Maneechayangkoon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Oxbow Water Show Slated For June 19th

The Oxbow Water Ski Show Team will be doing a Ski Show this Friday, June 19th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Team headquarters located on Old Springfield Road, Northampton (weather and flood waters permitting).

There will be lots to see, including barefooting, doubles acts, ballet, four-tier human pyramid, and much more.

Free parking, free admission, and free coffee will be offered. For more information, call 583-3162 (113).

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# Youth Lacrosse In Town Enjoys First Season

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Lacrosse is an esoteric game for the most part. It is mostly played on the Eastern seaboard and by a small number of schools in the Midwest and out West.

It combines the speed and endurance of basketball, the hitting of football, and the hand-eye coordination of baseball (with a little bit of ice hockey thrown in for good measure). It's exciting, tough, and intense.

Consider the fact that the Indian tribes of Mexico used it as a form of ritualistic warfare thousands of years ago, playing it over miles of hills and valleys which separated various villages. It was also played extensively by the Indian tribes of the Northeast back in the leather stocking days.

## Growing In Popularity

Because of all those facets, lacrosse is a game you have to learn if you want to play it well. Fortunately, it is growing in popularity among a number of high schools in Massachusetts, especially in this area. Kids want to learn it; they want to play it the way it should be played.

Many of the established lacrosse powers hereabouts (Longmeadow, Minnechaug, South Hadley) have an entire teaching and playing system that includes leagues for the young kids just starting out in the game.

In those leagues, they learn the fundamentals which translate into viable skills once they reach the high school level.

Agawam would like to elevate both their boys' and girls' lacrosse programs (the AHS girls are closer each year) to the rarified air enjoyed by the Western Mass. elite. There are plans in the works to get a lacrosse youth league up and running for the boys by next spring. It's spearheaded by Bob Young, a member of the Town Council and an avid lacrosse fan who played the game at Springfield College. He continues to be involved in it through coaching and competition in the Connecticut Valley Lacrosse League.

"This February, we held a clinic at the High School. On the boys' side, we had 20 kids show up which is a pretty fair number," he noted. It was a good enough number to encourage the establishment of two teams - 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade. They practiced all spring with the help of not only Young, but Agawam High boys' varsity lacrosse Coach Nick St. George and Kevin Quinn to learn the fundamentals and work on the fine points of the game.

How did the kids look, considering it was the first time they'd engaged in any kind of formal training? "Very promising. We have some quality young athletes here," Bob said. "Most of them even had their own equipment. I'd say they are serious about learning the game," he added.

Indeed, they must be. They had a game to end their training camp against youngsters from East Longmeadow and won, 6-2, certainly a pleasant start to a fledgling program.

They'll have a sign-up session next November for the spring 1999 season. "We want to get them into the loop as soon as possible, because there is so much competition from baseball in the spring," Young said, noting that they'll also have another sign-up towards the end of the winter in an effort to get additional numbers to come out.

Bob had been thinking about a lacrosse youth league in Agawam for more than a year. He and his wife, Karla, had organized the Agawam High School lacrosse booster club and felt a teaching league was necessary if the sport was to grow in the town.

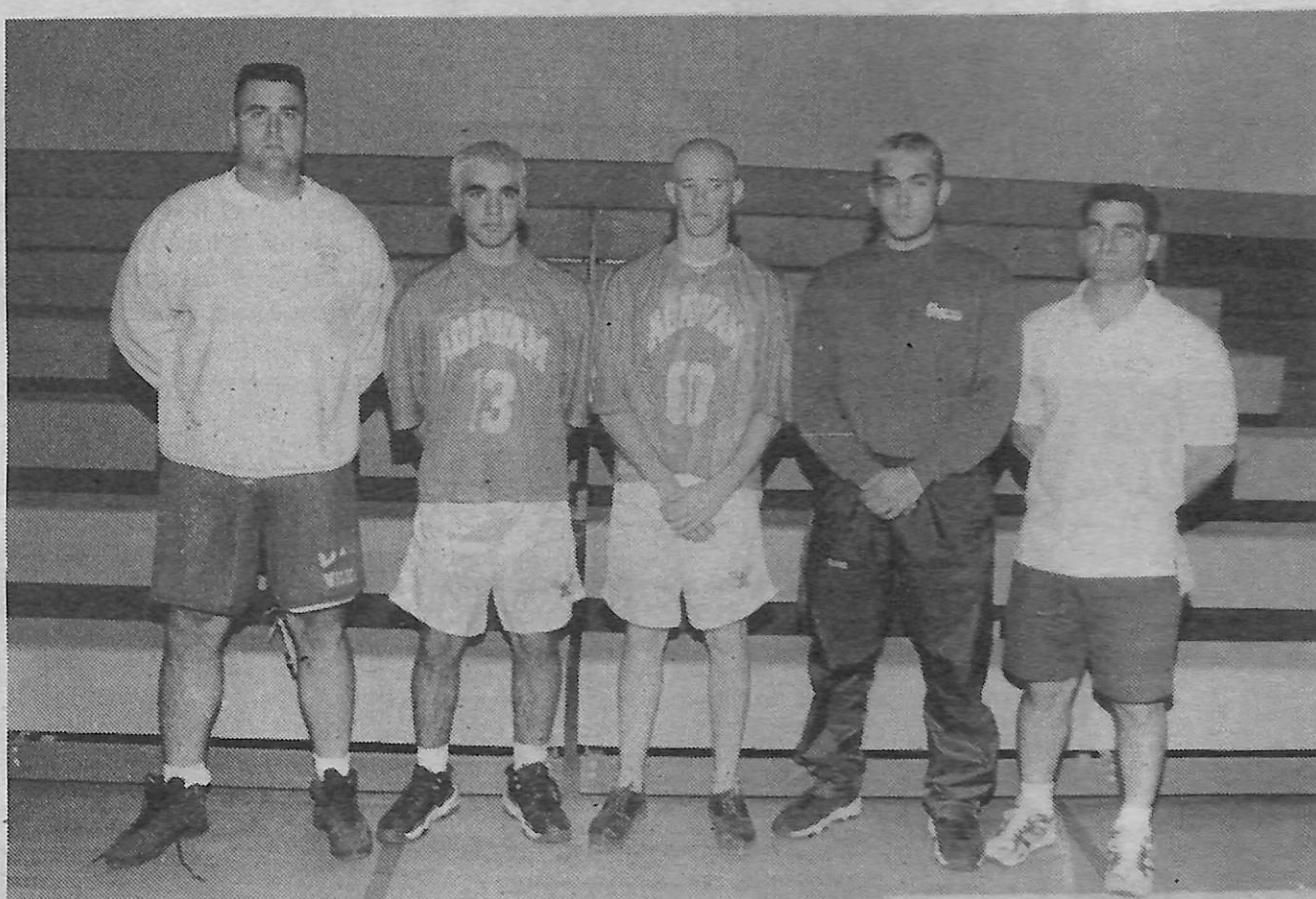
"My wife and I have two young sons who are interested. We have friends with kids who are interested as well. And all of us enjoy working with young people. It seemed like a natural progression," he told us.

There are people willing to get on board with some money to help support the new program, including Berkshire Power and hopefully, Riverside Park. Bob will also put in some money he earns as a town councilor. Their biggest expense will be helmets, which cost \$150 each. "We'll buy them and the town has agreed to store them for us during the off-season," he said.

*Our annual "Graduation Issue" will be published next week!*



**MEMBERS OF THE NEW AGAWAM YOUTH BOYS' LACROSSE TEAM** participated in the Connecticut Valley Lacrosse League during the spring. Coaches were Bob Young (left) and Agawam High varsity boys' lacrosse Coach Nick St. George.



**THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY LACROSSE PROGRAM** will benefit down the road from the town's new youth lacrosse program. Coaches and captains of the 1998 Brownies included, from left - Coach Moore, Dan Balbony, Ryan Grealis, Coach Lancour, and Coach Nick St. George. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Two Games Per Week

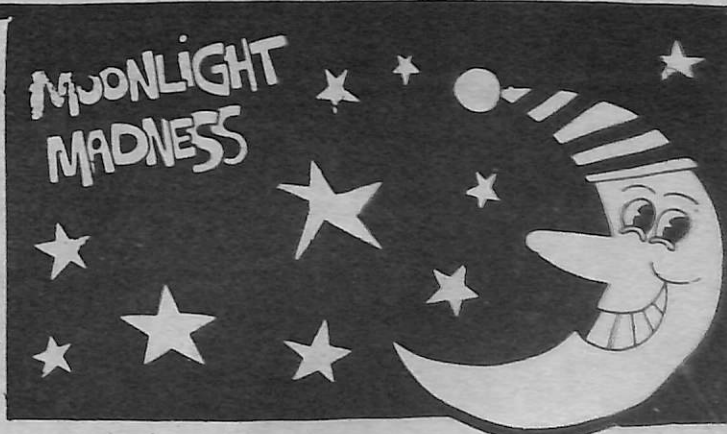
The 1999 season will run from the second week in April to the middle of June. They play two games a week in a league that stretches from Greenfield in the north to Cheshire, Connecticut in the south. Coaching duties will be shared by Bob, Nick St. George, and Kevin Quinn. But they are looking for help from any parents who might be interested.

Bob wanted to extend his gratitude to Parks and Recreation Director Mary Keller and the staff at the Parks and Recreation Department. "They have been very helpful in our efforts to get this program off the ground, with flyers explaining what we want to do, sign-up and release forms, plus insurance and setting up the fields for us," he said.

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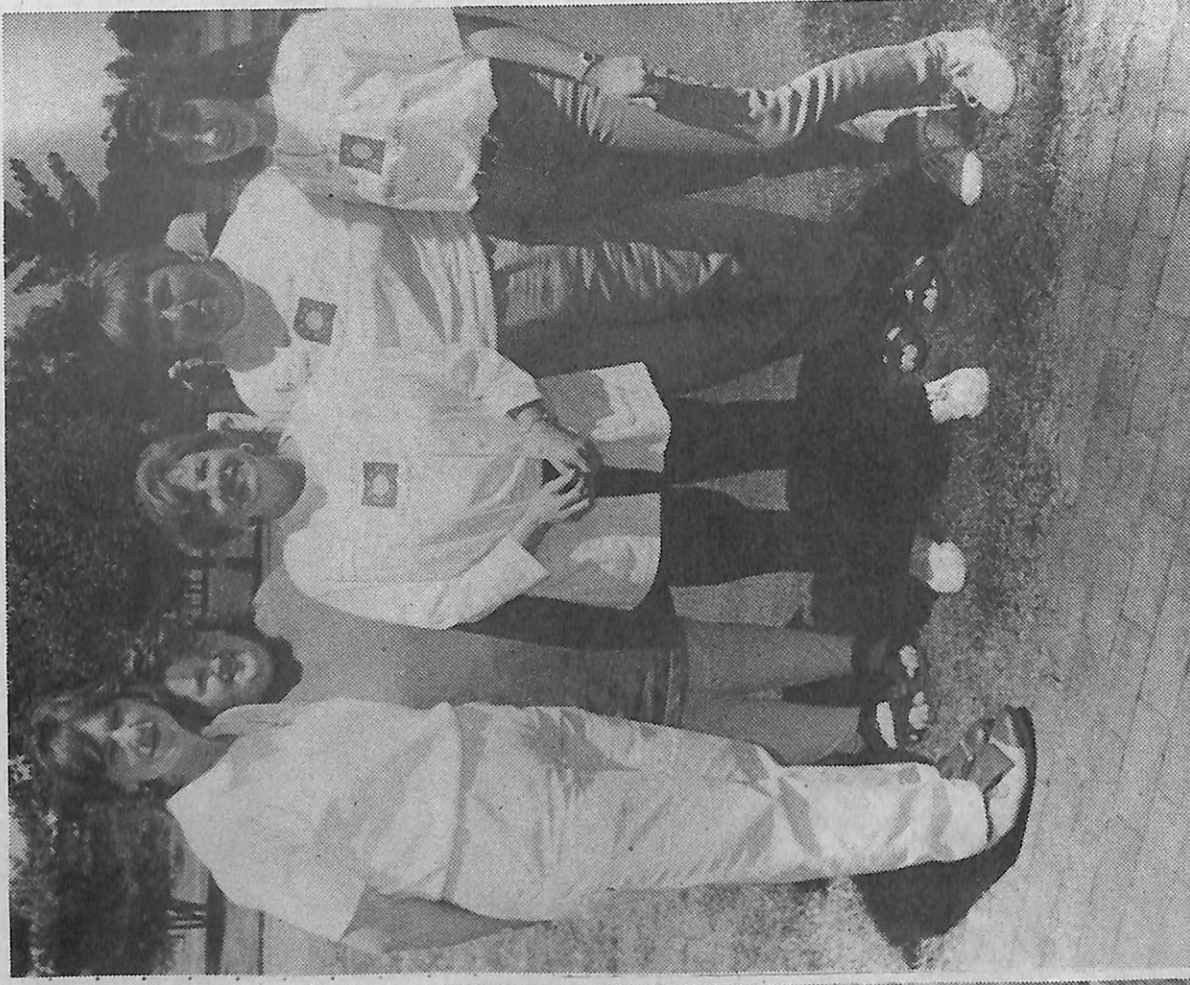
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**IN PHOTO LEFT, Mike Baxendale, John O'Brien, and Jason Allen were some of the golfers who participated in the Alzheimer's Association of Western Mass. Golf Tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club; IN PHOTO RIGHT, committee members for the tournament included Denise Dowd (chairwoman), Heather Jackson, Kathryn Hedgepeth, Ginny Sinkoski, and Sarah L. Williams. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.**



**THE ATRIUM AT CARDINAL DRIVE sent a foursome to participate in the Alzheimer's Golf Tournament - Jim King, Karen Duncan, and Atrium residents Ed Baer and Vern Campbell; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Linda Lee Powers and Richard A. Powers supervised the prize table. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.**

## Golfers Raise Big Bucks For Regional Alzheimer's Association Of Western Mass.

At the second Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Alzheimer's Association-Western Mass. Chapter held recently at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills, 78 players raised nearly \$6,500.

The 18-hole tournament was organized by Sunrise Healthcare and sponsored by some 23 area healthcare professionals and other businesses to help better serve individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or a related memory disorder. Bax and O'Brien from Rock 102 emceed the banquet that immediately followed providing continuous entertainment for the enjoyment of all.

Included among the sponsors was Agawam's newest and the only assisted living residence in Western Massachusetts designed exclusively for those with Alzheimer's disease or other memory loss, The Atrium at Cardinal Drive. A foursome from The Atrium played, including two residents from the facility, Vern Wilkinson and Ed Baer.

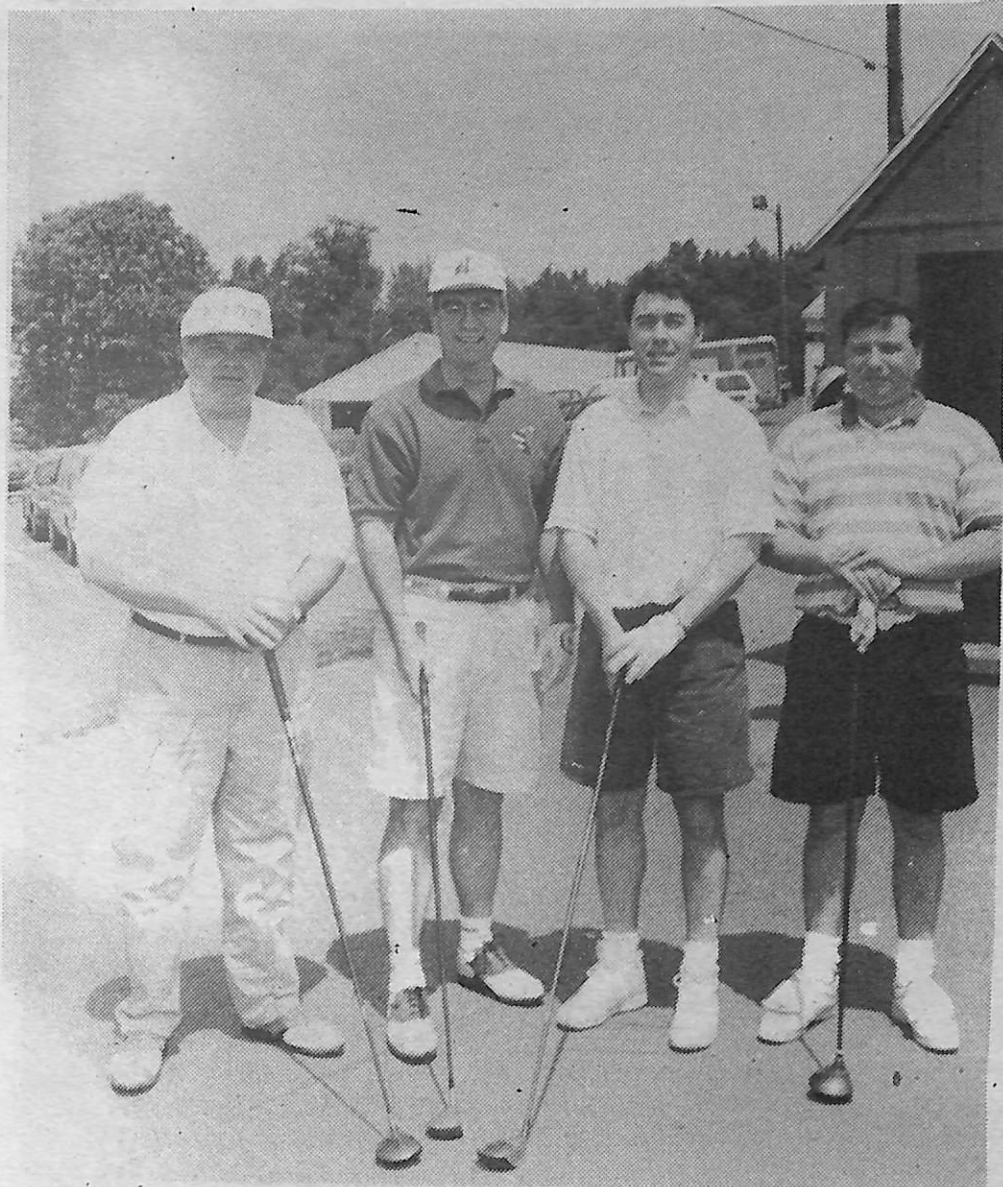
"So many people think that once a loved one is placed outside the home, life as they know it comes to an abrupt stop. What we want people to see is that in a residential facility such as ours, even individuals with memory loss can flourish and still do many of the same things they used to provide they are given simple reminders and clear directions. And these two are certainly proof of

just that!" said Judy Pothul, Director of Admissions for The Atrium.

Other sponsors included Pfizer, Reeds Landing, Genesis Eldercare, Sunscript Pharmacy, Palmer House Alzheimer's Center, Toyota Volkswagon, Frankie & Johnnie's Pizza, Air Compressor Engineering, Advance Manufacturing Co., Just-Rite Auto Trim, Somers Sanitation, Senior Prime Times, Resnic, Beauregard, Waite, American Saw, Ruth's House, Mediquip, Jason Tool, Cheryl Dunn, Esq., New Care Healthcare Corp., The First Tee, Just Great Produce, and Smith and Wesson.

Thanks to all who helped make this such a tremendous success! Watch for us next year to be even bigger and better!





**SOME OF THE GOLFERS WHO PLAYED** at the Annual Council On Aging Golf Tournament at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course were, from left - Police Chief Robert Campbell, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, State Rep. Daniel Keenan, realtor Robert Molta, and Edgar Alejandro, Jorge Costellano, Vic Sanchez, and Agawam COA Executive Director Richard Mundo. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Plenty Of Sunshine Greets Players At Annual COA Tourney

The Agawam Council on Aging had a very successful third Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 29th, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Eighteen foursomes, 18 holes, shotgun start, and a sunny but breezy day found all players in a happy mood as they registered to play.

Snacks before the 12:00 o'clock shotgun start and a buffet at the end of play, all prepared by the chef and her staff from the Senior Center, were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Many gifts (approximately 54) donated by local businesses and golf courses were raffled off at the end of the tournament. The main prize of a TV, donated by Peter Forastiere, was won by Bill Ainey.

Trophies were awarded to first place team Edward Krygowski, Warren Parker, Ernest Moccio, and Myron Czenapowicz with a score of nine under par; Mike DeCarolis, nearest to the line; and Jimmy Vernadakis, nearest to the pin.

The hole-in-one prize was unclaimed. Chairperson Paulene Paquette and co-chairperson Jane Schmidt thank all committee members and Senior Center staff for all their long hours in preparing for this event; the local businesses for their ads in the program; and all of the following local merchants for their contributions:

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A special thanks to our new golf committee member, Edna Krygowski, who joined us two weeks ago and collected over 40 gifts with her husband, Ed. Thank you!

We hope to see you next year.



**TAKING SIGN-INS** at the recent Council on Aging Golf Tournament were, from left - Jane Schmidt, Paulene Paquette, and Gail Freeman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Pioneer Valley Soccer...

## Pioneer Valley Pride Are State U-11 Girls' Maple Champions

A group of 10 and 11 year-old girls have made quite a name for themselves by winning the Massachusetts Maple Title for U-11 Girls. The team is comprised of players from all over the Pioneer Valley. In order to be eligible to play, you must play on your town-sponsored Pioneer Valley team.

The Pride finished their regular season with a record of six wins and one loss. They lost opening day back in March to Fuller-Hamlets, 1-0. That goal was the only goal the Pride girls gave up during the regular season.

They outscored their opponents by a 21-1 margin. Their record, along with this very low goals against average, earned them the number one seed in the post-season Maple Tournament out of 24 teams from all across the state of Massachusetts.

They started preliminary round robin play with a 4-1 victory over Tri-Valley, a team from the Holliston area. Lauren Peltier and Tiffany Manzi each had a goal for the Pride, and center Elise Davilli had two goals.

Sunday afternoon, the Pride girls took on the Spirit of Mass., a team from the Boston/Natick area. Again, the girls had a very strong showing. The final was 2-1, Pride. Tif Manzi and Lauren Peltier scored for the Pride. The Pioneer Valley girls really dominated this one, with strong showings by Kara Powell, Grace Albert-Gardner, Jamie Cullen, and Liz Barker. Wing Stephanie Weibel had some great corner kicks.

The Pride girls returned to Hopkinton the following weekend, June 6th and 7th, for the finish of the tournament. They played Fuller-Hamlets' "B" team on Saturday, the only team to beat them in the regular season. The Pride got an early goal from wing Danielle Ethier. They controlled most of the action for the rest of the game.

Late in the game, keeper Stacy Boisvert made a great save. She staggered into the goalpost before getting ready to punt the ball away. The referee then made a very controversial call, saying when she stumbled, her foot was past the goal line. He awarded Fuller-Hamlets the goal and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Despite the tie, the Pride finished first in their division with seven points and advanced to the semi-finals.

Sunday morning brought on Southcoast. This was a great game. The Pride girls really stepped up their game. Fullback Meagan Pokorny and sweeper Lauren Fox were all over the field. Halfbacks Ann Pasterzyk, Julie Czuprynski, and Kristin Cilley did a great job keeping the ball in Southcoast's end. Wing Tiffany Manzi scored the lone goal of the game for a 1-0 Pride victory.

Then there were two. That's how many teams were left out of the 24 that started. It was the Pioneer Valley Pride vs Fuller-Hamlets' "A." Right from the start of this one, you knew it was going to be a great game. There was a lot of up and down field action. Shortly before halftime, the Fuller-Hamlets girls had a corner kick. The girl from F.H. made a strong kick that deflected off of one of the Pioneer Valley girls and into the net. Fuller-Hamlets led, 1-0.

The Pride girls never let up, though. The game continued to be tight. Both teams were playing great soccer! About midway through the second half, the Pride was applying real pressure all around the F.H. goal. The Pioneer Valley backline had stepped up beyond mid-field. The ball was loose around the middle of the field at about the 25. Sweeper Lauren Fox drilled a shot into the upper top right side of the net past the leaping F.H. keeper.

The defense continued to play well. Keeper Stacy Boisvert had some great saves. Both teams had some chances, but couldn't capitalize. The regulation game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Next came the first of two 10-minute overtimes. The game continued to see-saw with a lot of great action, but no score.

About midway through the second overtime, Pioneer Valley speedster Grace King put a couple of moves on the F.H. defense and found herself with a one-on-one with the goalie. She made the most of this chance and blasted the ball into the net! The Pride played out the rest of the overtime period with some great defense and held on to the 2-1 victory to take the Massachusetts State Maple title.

The Pioneer Valley Pride are coached by Denny Marr and Marty Davilli of Agawam. Ten members of the Agawam Cobras play for the Pride. We wish to congratulate all of the Pioneer Valley team and their coaches for such an outstanding season!



**MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER VALLEY U11 PRIDE:** Back row, from left - Assistant Coach Marty Davilli, Ann Pasterzyk, Elizabeth Barker, Stephanie Weibel, Grace Albert-Gardner, Danielle Ethier, and Coach Denny Marr. Middle row - Lauren Peltier, Tiffany Manzi, Elise Davilli, Kara Powell, Megan Pokorny, Julie Czuprynski, Lauren Fox, Jamie Cullen, and Kristen Cilley. Kneeling - Grace King, and Stacy Boisvert.



**ENGLISH CAMP DIRECTOR PAUL BUMBY** with a few of the excited Agawam children at the Middle School.

## Agawam Soccer Association News: "Agawam Night"; Soccer Camps

### The PIONEERS

The Agawam Soccer Association continues to bring Agawam residents the best in soccer enjoyment. As you may already know, Western Massachusetts has its very own professional soccer team - the PIONEERS.

The Agawam Soccer Association has arranged for deep discounts in PIONEER tickets on July 17th, which will be designated "Agawam Night" by the PIONEERS.

Tickets, regularly \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids, will be reduced to ONLY \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids. Children under five will be admitted FREE.

Agawam players are encouraged to wear their official Agawam jerseys to the game and the team selling the most PIONEER tickets will be invited to a shootout during halftime on the PIONEERS' field.

The PIONEERS will be playing the talented VERMONT team at Lusitano Stadium, which is located at 400 Windsor Street in Ludlow.

**Direct From England - Soccer Camp!**

The Agawam Soccer Association would also

like to remind anyone interested in a real world class soccer camp to be held by Challenge Soccer (a contingent of all English [that's right, direct from ENGLAND] coaches) at the Phelps School in Agawam.

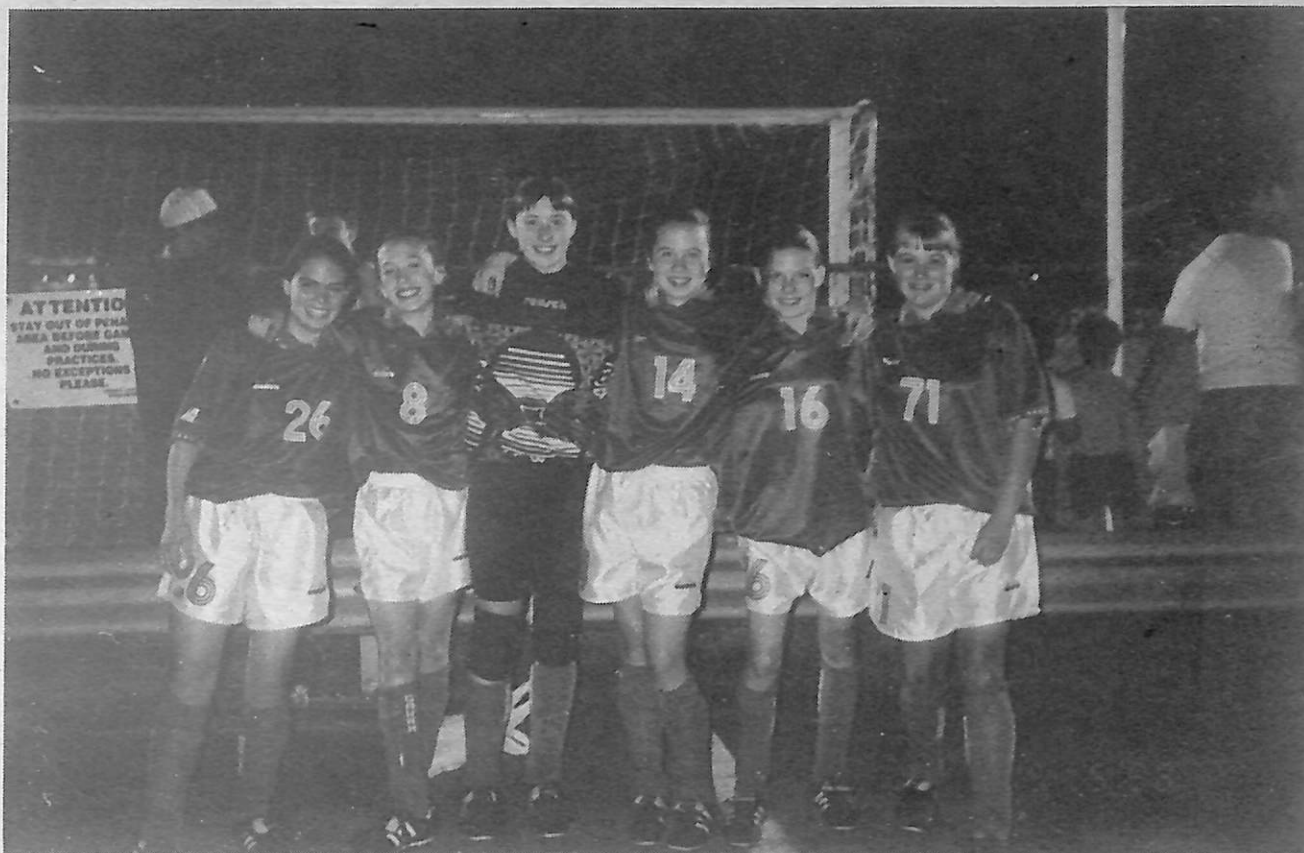
Paul Bumby, the director of the program, gave a sample of what would be coming at the camp to about 50 excited youngsters of all ages last week at the Middle School.

His European flavor for the game and the drills and skills training were a hit with both coaches and kids who attended. All day camps, half-day camps, and two-mini camps will be offered.

These camps will be offered from July 20th-24th and the is \$67 for the two-hour camp; \$86 for the half-day; and \$129 for the full-day.

Balls and t-shirts are provided to the campers. This is an ideal way for your children to experience soccer from a European viewpoint. If you are interested, please call Mike Fournier at 786-3435 for an application. Spots for the camp are closing quickly. Please call soon.

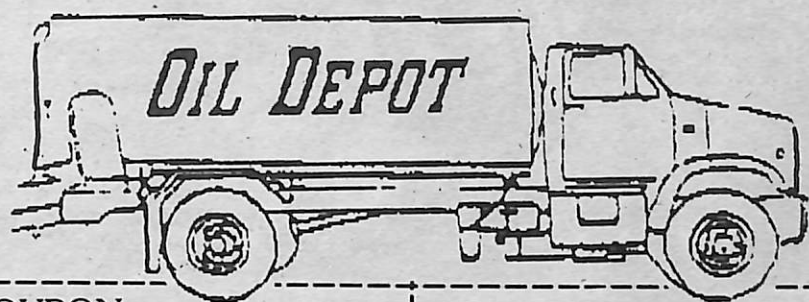


**PIONEER VALLEY SOCCER - continued...****Agawam Tigers At Pioneers Shootout**

SIX MEMBERS OF THE U13 AGAWAM TIGERS were invited by the Ludlow Soccer Association to a shootout against league rival Ludlow Cyclones during halftime of a Western Mass. Pioneers men's soccer game last month at Lusitano Stadium. The shootout allowed the goalie to come off her line and challenge the shooter once the whistle blew. The result was a 0-0 tie as five shooters for both the Tigers and Cyclones were thwarted by several outstanding saves by the goalies. Tigers' goalie Vicky Taylor made two acrobatic stops as she continues to be one of U13's premiere keepers in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League. Tigers' shootout participants included, from left - Kaitlin Sardella, Danielle Cirillo, Vicky Taylor, Ellen Rannenberg, Tricia Fitchben, and Aimee Beaudette.

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## Hershey Track Meet Slated For June 23rd At Agawam High

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department has announced that the Hershey Track Meet will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd, at the Agawam High School track at 6:00 p.m. (The rain date is Wednesday, June 24th.)

Boys and girls ages nine to 14 (as of December 31, 1998) are eligible to participate.

The events will include the 50-meter dash, the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash, the 800-meter run, the 1,600-meter run, a softball throw, standing long jump, and the 4 x 100-meter relay (participants must put together their own relay team).

Participants may participate in three events: two track events and one field event, or two field events and one track event.

Registration forms are now available in the Recreation Office, and the registration deadline is June 19th at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

## Baseball Camp To Be Held At Sacred Heart

The coaches' baseball camp will once again be held at the Sacred Heart athletic fields.

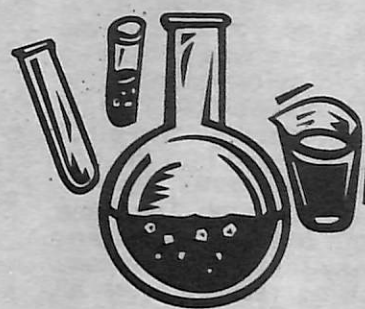
The dates that the camp will be run will be July 20th through July 23rd. The ages of the participants will range between eight and 14.

The philosophy behind the coaches' camp is to give each camper the positive instruction and guidance that is important for them to achieve their full potential. Campers will be instructed in all individual and team aspects.

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## SHAA Baseball & Softball Standings (Week Of June 8th-14th)

BOYS' 11-12	W	L
Luigi's Athletics	8	0
John's Trucking Orioles	8	3
Sand Trap Rangers	7	3
Fitness First Rockies	6	5
Westbank Falcons	4	5
Mr. Phipp's Phillies	3	7
Hastie's White Sox	2	8
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds	2	9

BOYS' 9-10	W	L
Allen Lawnmower Rockies	8	1
Lion's Club Orioles	7	1
Valenti's A's	5	4
Polish American Club Rangers	4	5
Reed's Giants	4	5
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)	3	5
Westfield Bank Blue Jays	3	6
E. Cecchi's Sharks	1	8

BOYS' 7-8 (DPL)	W	L
Amerifit Teal	7	1
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)	6	2
Walnut Cleaners R. Blue	5	2
Navy (Sponsors Needed)	5	3
V & F Auto's Green	3	4
Walmart Lt. Blue	3	5
Blimpie Subs Orange	3	6
Red (Sponsor Needed)	2	5
Towne Ins. Co. Purple	1	7

GIRLS' 13-17	W	L
Barker's Mechanical Plastics	8	1
Dubay's Cutting Edge	5	5
Cressotti's EB's	5	5
Shean's (Sponsor Needed)	3	6
Goodrow's (Sponsor Needed)	2	7

GIRLS' 10-13	W	L
Borsari's River Auto Service	9	1
Kelly's Agawam Credit Union	8	3
Francis's Poolman	6	4
Cullen's Riverside Park	5	4
Mutti's Tolli's Black	4	6
Pisano's T & R Wholesale	4	7
Bishop's American Classics	0	10

GIRLS' 8-10	W	L	T
Yellow Jackets (Sponsor Needed)	9	1	0
Red (Sponsor Needed)	7	2	1
Stan's Orange Tigers	6	3	1
Chris's Avon Teal Seals	3	7	0
Agawam Spirit's Green Gators	2	8	0
Kid's Footwear Purple Knights	1	9	0

## Ag. Little League Minor League STANDINGS (As Of 6/14/98)

	W	L	T	P
Rollaway Red Sox	11	1	1	23
Riverside Park Royals	9	3	0	18
Ag. Public Mkt. Yankees	7	3	3	17
Luigi's Rest. Braves	7	5	0	14
Dreyer Plumb. & Htg. Dodgers	5	7	0	10
Elaine's Pet Salon Giants	4	8	0	8
Ayre Real Estate Mets	1	10	1	3
GBC Landscaping Orioles	1	8	1	3

## Babe Ruth Standings

	W	L
Berkshire Power Padres	10	1
Christina's Cntry. Store Rockies	5	7
Fran's Restaurant Indians	5	5
AAMCO Yankees	3	6
Bill Walsh Royals	2	9

## Agawam Men's Softball League

"A" DIVISION	W	L
Scrubbers	15	2
Bobbie's Bistro	10	3
Joey's Pub	10	7
E.B.'s Restaurant	4	11

"B" AMERICAN	W	L	T
Tie Breakers	8	2	1
Pine Point Cafe	7	3	3
Abbett/Moose	7	4	0
Dante Club	7	5	0
Take 5 Restaurant	6	6	1
Goodfellaz Bar/Grille	5	5	1
Westfield Sporting	5	6	0
Riverdale Lanes	5	7	0
Spirit Shoppe	4	7	1
Donnie's Cafe	4	8	0
Collins' Tavern	3	9	0
Joey's Pub	2	12	1

"B" NATIONAL	W	L
Omniglow	13	3
Mattie's Cafe	12	2
Glenwood Cafe	10	3
Marlins	8	7
Teddy Bear Pools	7	7
Titan Steele	7	7
Medical Care Partners	6	7
Turnverein	4	8
New England Wearhouse	3	12
Olympic Fasteners	1	14

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DAVE SHAW (left), president of the Agawam Soccer Association, and Ted Hebert, representing the Make-A-Wish Foundation, promote the ASA's Labor Day Riverside Soccer Classic. This year's classic will benefit Make-A-Wish. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Labor Day Soccer By Ag. Soccer Asso. To Help Make-A-Wish

Dave Shaw, President of the Agawam Soccer Association, and Ted Hebert, representing the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western/Central Massachusetts, are proud to announce that the ASA will be raising money through its Labor Day soccer tournament — the Riverside Soccer Classic — to create a wish for a terminally ill child.

Shaw has stated that the goal is to raise \$3,000, and anyone wishing to donate may do so by sending their check to ASA, P.O. Box 442, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please make checks payable to the Agawam Soccer Association.

Also, the Agawam Country Club will be displaying a coin can for any golfers wanting to donate to this worthwhile cause throughout the summer months.

Any other businesses interested in joining the ASA in helping raise funds can call Jim Stevenson at 789-2999. Thank you!

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**ANDREA BABBIN** of Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics scored an 8.8 on the vault in the 13-14 age bracket to win a gold medal at the Massachusetts State Championships. Andrea is pictured with Coach Joe Saimeri. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Jen Stack Wins National Gold Medal For Daggett's Gang

Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics added another gymnast to its ever-expanding list of State, Regional, and National title holders as Jen Stack won the Massachusetts State Championship for Level Six, 7-9 age group.

It was a see-saw battle with the outcome in doubt until the final rotation when Jen hit her floor routine for a 9.1 (2nd). This score, along with her 9.225 on beam (1st), nailed down the title with an all around of 35.525.

In Level Seven, Rebekah Humphrey's 9.2 on vault (4th) took her to fourth place in the all around and she was State Champ on Floor Exercise with a 9.15.

The Level Eight Daggett girls were very productive, also, as five girls medalled. Leigha Hancock grabbed the Gold ring on vault with an 8.85 (1st) and was Silver in the all around with a 9.3.

Karen Christofferson used a 9.125 on floor (5th) to finish in the top 10 with a 34.725 all around. Agawam's Mary Kate Zajac competed a 30.475. In the 13-14 age bracket, Andrea Babbini's 8.8 on vault was golden and her 9.225 on floor took second.

Andrea's all around of 35.475 was second best in the State and qualified her for the Regional Level 8 Championship. This meet has since been held and Andrea finished fourth all around.

Teammates Devon Ehret and Paula Ballentine shared the ninth spot in the all around with 34.3. Devon's 9.35 on floor made her the State Champ for this discipline and Paula's 9.1 was a fifth place score.

Lisa DiRosa and Whitney Quist rounded the team out with scores of 32.725 and 30.85. This group of fine athletes combined to take the bronze medal in the Team Championship.

Level Nine, Junior A saw Brionne Lancour have a solid meet as she competed a 33.1 all around with her 8.4 on floor the highlight. Noelle Marquez was right behind her gymmate with a 31.55.

In the Junior B division, Sarah Liebowitz was eighth in the state with a 33.925 all around. Sarah's vaulting placed her third (8.75) on that apparatus and her bar work gave her a silver medal (8.85).

Level Five had a first-time competitor at States in Mia Yacteen and she performed admirably, finishing with a 32.65 all around.

Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics would like to thank all its gymnasts, parents, and supporters for another great year of competition and excitement. We hope to see you all again next year.

**Our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. Thanks.**



**TIM DAGGETT GOLD MEDAL GYMNASTS** who competed in the Massachusetts State Championships. Back row, from left - Coach Bruce Kirk, Sarah Liebowitz, Bri Lancour, Noelle Marquez, Emily Sharp, Karen Christofferson, Rachel Stern, and Coach Joe Saimeri. Front row - Leigha Hancock, Mia Yacteen, Andrea Babbini, Devon Ehret, Rebekah Humphrey, and Jen Stack (doing split). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Turnverein Gymnasts Perform Special Show



**GYMNASTS AND THEIR COACHES** from the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, Feeding Hills, recently performed a special show for their friends and relatives. The gymnasts also competed in the Annual Turnfest Gymnastic Tournament on June 13th and 14th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Boys' Basketball Camp Again Being Offered

This summer, the Grand Meadow Boys' Basketball Camp will hold two sessions, July 6th-10th and July 13th-17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The camp will provide fundamental and advanced instruction for boys ages eight to 16, and the tuition is \$125 per five-day session, or \$240 for both sessions.

The purpose of the camp is to teach all areas of the game with an emphasis on individual fundamentals and team play concepts. The individual teaching stations are a great way to learn the game. Your child will receive quality instruction from the most respected high school coaches in the area.

The camp highlights are:

- \* Low coach/player ratio.
- \* Awards and contests.
- \* Camp t-shirt.
- \* Divisional play for skill levels.
- \* Insurance coverage.
- \* Individual instruction.
- \* Fundamental drills.

The staff of the camp is comprised of Lou Conte, Program Director and Agawam High School girls' varsity basketball coach, and Mike Martin, Administrative Director. Additional staff members will include local high school coaches.

Past staff members have included: Alex Vyce and Dan Franczek, Chicopee Comp. High School; Mike Gilliam, George Mason University; Dean Vecchiarelli, Agawam High School; Len Larabee, Westfield High School; Jim Powell, Denver Nuggets; Dan Butler, Putnam Vocational High School; Paul Scoville, Western New England College; and Jim Hobart and Bill Rigali, Holyoke High School.

Space is limited for each camp, and reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hurry — don't let your child miss out on this great opportunity to learn the game!

A typical camp day will include:

- \* Regulation games.
- \* Lectures.
- \* Drill sessions.
- \* Lunch.
- \* Films.
- \* Question-and-answer sessions.
- \* Contests.
- \* Free time.

On the first day of each camp (Monday, July 6th and Monday, July 13th), registration will be conducted in the lobby of Grand Meadows Health & Tennis Club between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Parents may pick up their son daily after the last teaching station, which concludes at 3:30 p.m.

Directions: The Grand Meadows Health & Tennis Club is located on Dwight Road across from Franconia Golf Course, near the Springfield/East Longmeadow line. The basketball courts are inside the health club.

Each day, camp participants are asked to bring basketball shoes, gym clothing, a towel, their lunch, and "a good attitude!"

What's more, a certified athletic trainer will be on hand at all times during the two camp sessions.

For further information about the camp itself and/or how to make reservations for your son, please call Lou Conte at (413) 786-7729 or Mike Martin at (413) 789-0494.





## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### A Recent Morning At The Congamond Lakes...

This last week's rainy and soggy weather really put a hurt on fishing. Even many of the fanatics (guilty) did not get out in the downpour. Early-morning trollers can still take trout in the upper tier of the water column. As the sun begins to beat down on the water (if we ever see it again!), deep trolling tactics will be the order of the day.

Downrigger fishing has produced some decent catches of trout on area waters. For those of you that fish out of small boats, don't think that you are out of the running. Small, clamp-on downriggers are made that will fit most modest budgets as well as the limited space of a car-topper or a canoe.

In this age of high-power rigs and electronic sophistication, sometimes it's easy to forget the utility of earlier years, when a fishing boat did not cost more than a new car.

A recent morning at Congamond Lakes proved productive as we downrigged for trout from my "not used often enough" canoe. The 17-pound thrust electric motor and two clamp-on "mini" downriggers were just the ticket.

Gold-colored Phoebe lures, running about 15 feet in back of the balls, fooled several nice trout. The fish were holding at about 15 feet and were suspended over a depth of about 25 feet. The one compromise to technology was my portable depth finder. There is no sense in fishing blind.

Bass action proved hot as we switched gear and headed into the very back edges of the lily pads in the south pond. Quite a few really nice largemouth were hunkered down in the thick vegetation. These are the bass that seldom see a lure. Only lightweight, shallow-drift canoes could maneuver through the tangle of pads.

As with other things in life, the biggest bass usually stake out the prime locations by eminent domain. Try fishing some of these locations on your favorite water. Canoes, float tubes, or wading can get you into some of the shallow backwaters that conventional rigs can not navigate in.

Lure choice is limited to those lures that are weedless. Heavy line is dictated here. Due to the fact that a five-pound bucketmouth weaving his way around a half-acre of pad stems has the upper hand, 14- to 17-pound test is the minimum for this type of fishing.

Eight-inch plastic worms rigged weedless and with no weight can be deadly in the thick pads. Casting to the back edge of the pad field, slowly crawl the worm over the pads, allowing it to drop into pockets of open water.

This type of fishing is not for the timid. A big bass will explode on the lure like a depth charge. There is an unmatched thrill when you witness a bulge in the pads, heading for your lure like a torpedo. This is the moment to keep your wits

about you.

When the fish hits the lure in a blast of spray and weeds, be patient. He probably does not have the lure in his mouth. Bass will sometimes knock their prey off a lily pad, then turn and engulf it. Wait until you feel the fish, or see movement in your line, then, set the hook with authority. The term "cross his eyes" has special significance in this situation.

In addition to plastic worms and lizards, weedless frog imitations and pork frogs on a weedless hook can be deadly. When rigging pork frogs for lily pad fishing, I like to use the hooks that have a wire weed guard. Rig the frog so that the point of the hook rides up. This will decrease the chance of hooking onto a lily pad stem.

Just a word of caution. Many of us bass fishermen have become used to fishing while standing up. That is fine in a bass boat, but don't try it in a canoe or other small craft. In addition to the dunking you might receive, it is embarrassing to have the fish laughing at you.

I am often asked as to what is the best time to go fishing. That is probably the most frequently asked question that I receive. The answer is really one of practicality. Anytime that the "Social Director" is in a forgiving mood, or isn't adding to "the list," is the best time to go fishing.

As for myself, I am blessed with a wife who understands the trials and tribulations of an outdoor writer.

"Gosh, honey, I need some fresh material for the column. I hate to neglect the lawn and I know that the ceiling still needs painting, but work calls! It's an awful job, but sometimes we have to make sacrifices. By the way, what did you do with that bag of plastic worms that I left on the coffee table? I need to go to work."

Enjoy a safe and productive week of recreation in our great outdoors.

#### FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes - Kurt at Saunders Marina reports bass fishing is heating up. Plastic worms and spinnerbaits are taking their share of bass. Weekend boat traffic is getting heavy, but weekdays and evenings are providing excellent fishing opportunities.

Connecticut River - Smallmouth are everywhere along with some very respectable largemouth. Stripers are being taken at the mouth of the river in Old Saybrook, with some schoolie action remaining at the Enfield Dam. Poppers and five-inch Mambo Minnows along with Bomber Long A's are taking their fair share of fish.

Farm ponds are becoming heavily weeded and are producing some fine largemouth fishing throughout the valley.

#### SALT WATER

Bait fishermen using live eels are whacking linesides all along the coast. Bluefish are making appearances near the mouth of the river at first light.

Cape Cod Strippers have moved into Cape Cod Bay and the canal. Chatham Light and other traditional hot spots are giving up some real bruisers, along with the numerous schoolies. Some bluefish action has been reported by boat fishermen from Martha's Vineyard to the upper Cape.

Rhode Island and Long Island Sound - The word here is that another banner season for stripers is at hand. Surf fishermen are scoring on live eels and the traditional assortment of plugs. Boat fishermen are taking fish at the rips near Cornfield Point. Some really hefty bass are being reported.



## Golf Tip Of The Week...

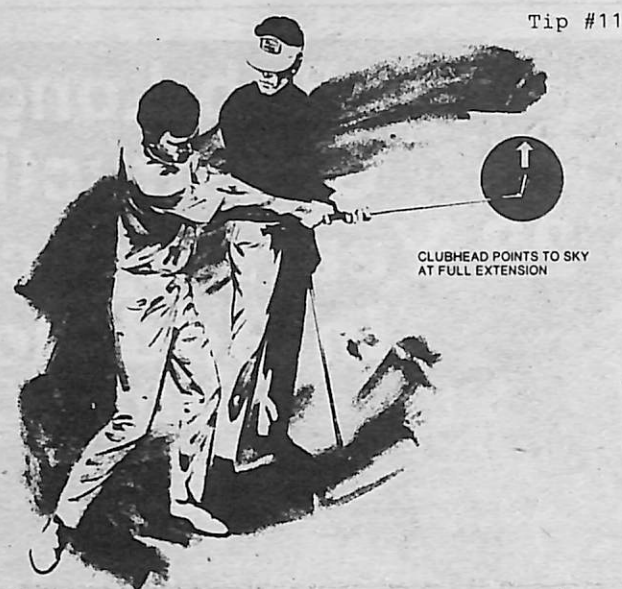
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### Extend The Clubhead To The Sky...

You often hear the pros say they picture the shot before they hit it. What they're doing is programming their bodies to swing the club along a certain line.

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Tip #11

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## Riverside To Hold Its Own "Speedweek"

Daytona, Florida, the hub of NASCAR auto racing, is famous for Speedweeks, and beginning with the "Destruction Spectacular" on Friday, June 19th, Riverside Park has a "Speedweek" of its own.

The NASCAR Winston Racing Series continues at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, June 20th, highlighted by the return of the NAPA Modified division after a one week rest.

"It's the biggest weekend in racing," says Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "Six Monster Trucks will be here on Friday, followed by the NASCAR Winston Racing Series on Saturday and a School Bus Demolition Derby on Sunday," he said. "On top of all that, we rescheduled the first leg of the Bud Triple Crown Series for Tuesday night. That's four events in five days." Riverside Park Speedway will hold another School Bus Demolition Derby on September 6th.

Following the busy weekend, Riverside Park continues racing with the first leg of the Bud Triple Crown Series on Tuesday, June 23rd. This event was rescheduled from May 9th. The highlight of the Tuesday night program will be 75 lap features for the NAPA Modifieds and the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks.

As an added bonus, the amusement park attractions, including the new Island Kingdom Water Park, will be included with the race ticket on Tuesday night, June 23rd only. "This is a special thank you to the dedicated fans who will attend our Tuesday night show," says Lewandoski. Racing begins at 6:00 p.m.

NASCAR COMPETITION IS HEATING UP: As of June 6th, 40 NASCAR Winston Racing Series events have been completed with 37 different winners. After June 7, 1997, 24 features were completed with 19 different winners... A disqualification on June 6th placed Ted Riggott of East Hartland, Connecticut in a tie with Manchester, Connecticut's Rob Summers for the top spot in the NAPA Modified division, both have 302 points... A mere two points separate Eddy Carroll III of Suffield, Connecticut and Jeff Horn of Tolland, Connecticut for the lead in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division and mistakes can be costly: Agawam's Tom Fearn dropped from first to fourth place after finishing last on June 6th.

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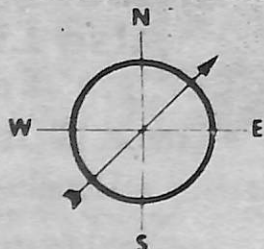
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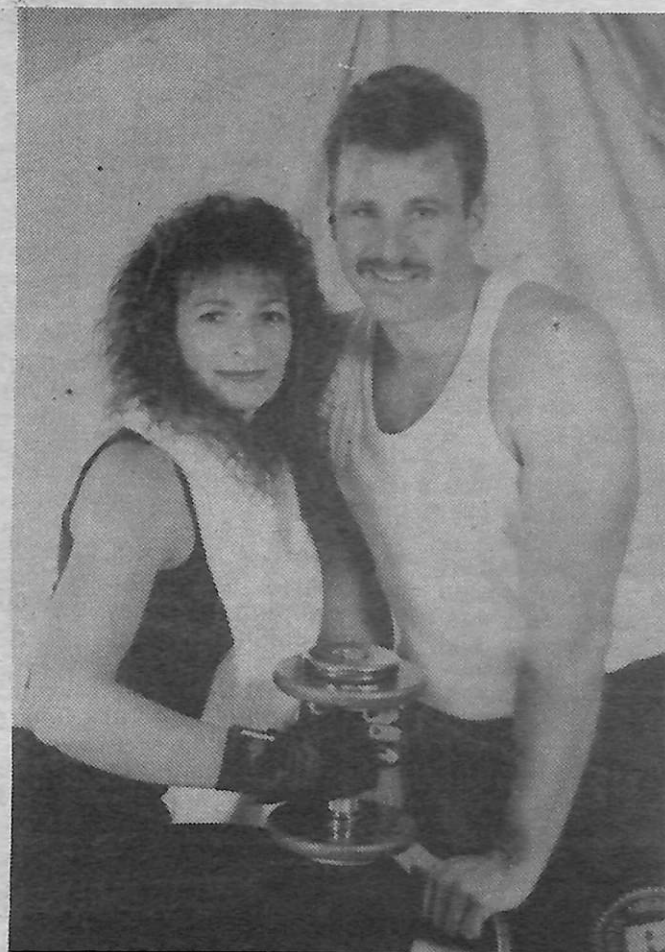
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